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INTRODUCTION.

That the world of to-day is in a chaotic condition, no one will deny.

The writer of "The Modern World" whom we wish to introduce to the readers of these pages has seen and felt the whirl of circumstances which tend to make the world what it is to-day,—he has looked about and found the world seeking for redeemers and explains in this light the power of fraternal, social and political organizations.

He notices in all these efforts to locate a redeemer the tendency to be redeemed without the work of the only God-given Redeemer,—and he realizes that without God and His Christ, this world shall never be what the inhabitants of the world wish it to be.

The writer does not lay any claim to scientific mastery of the ills of the times,—his is not a professional work, but his plain christian view has been expressed: a layman speaking to laymen, is what this book purports to be. And to his brethren in the same faith and belief, he says: "Let us glorify Christ in this life as long as the opportunity is with us. Let us wait for his coming. Let us look for His coming, for He cometh soon! Let us wait for Him and say: Christ Jesus, Come, come quickly."

May the publication of this book be a means in the hand of God to awaken within the hearts of the readers a realization of the dangers that beset them on all sides,—may it be a blessing to many and help us to live more in accord with the calling with which we are called,—even tho we might not be in strict accord with everything the writer has said.

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PREFACE.

The following pages contain a plain exposition of the view the writer has upon "The Modern World." The writer is not hampered by a much desired and highly valued education.—Although believing education a high priced asset, yet he feels that such an asset is very liable and apt to obscure a plain view, or discolor the view after critical examination.

In writing on such a broad topic as "The Modern World" the fact stands out clearly that—an unobstructed view is of much more importance than "a mere education," still it must be readily admitted that "a clear view" alone, without any education (self-instructed or pedantic) could not bring forth good results either, for education must be the instrument of bringing the view before the attention of others.

The writer deems it prudent to make the above remarks, remembering that EDUCATION is a "BOAZ" of the Modern World.

Since writing the manuscript of this book nearly two years passed before it landed in the hands of the publisher. This will be clear to the casual observer, who, perhaps will reflect upon the strange absence of latter days affairs and happenings in the religious and political worlds which have set the world agog. For instance, nothing or very little has been said about the so much discussed Washington Peace Parley. To fill in, let me state here that the much talked of Federated Churches of Christ in America, at that time declared it a gracious act, thanking God for it and for the contemplated destruction of America's warships, while at the end of the very same year these churches blamed Uncle Sam for not sending the WAR SHIPS to the Dardenelles to chastise the Turks for the burning of Smyrna by the fleeing Greek army. As the lapse of one year proves, this so-called "Peace Parley" was in fact nothing but a secret unamerican attempt to unite America, in spite of herself, with the War Lords of Europe, to accomplish the secret wishes of the uncontrollable forces of the unrighteous God Mammon.

As the reader beholds by reading the observations of the writer, he, or she, will realize that the writer depicts not alone the world, as he sees it, but that he also describes the church as she appears to him. The reasons are deductable from the fact that the Modern World could not possibly be what it is if it was not true that the Church, as the mother of wisdom, had carried the world to the pinnacle of its lustrous passing glory. That the writer speaks more explicitly about a particular church denomination illustrates his identification with it, and proves to the doubters the truth of his assertions, assuring them as well as others that he laments and bewails the conditions of said and of other denominations, of which he knows that they also are upon the broad pathway of apostacy.

The reader by persuing these pages shall find that the writer did not lay down his pen when he depicted the ultimate and consequent culmination of this most wondrous Modern World with its golden glitter so ignominious sinking in selfwrought and selfsought utter ruin. Assuredly he himself would be a picture of gloom and utter hopelesness if he was not able to gladden the hearts of men by unfolding a more truer and more glorious sight. Yes, and it is with holy rapture mingled with unutterable joy that his closing chapter refers to The Holy City of God, The New Jerusalem, such as was given the apostle John to behold, superseding the Modern World.

That the Christ who came to redeem sinners may grant the reader the so much needed light to flee the many temptations of the conspicuous Modern World and seek with Abraham the heavenly city, whose master builder is God, and that the plain words spoken in these pages may help to that effect is the wish and prayer of the writer.

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CHAPTER ONE.

The Modern World.

To give a more or less accurate description of the Modern World, and impart a fair idea of its origin, its existance, its tendencies, its glowing aspect, its demeanor, and its intentions, the writer has tried to bring to the intelligence of the reader. In how far he has succeeded, the reader will judge, although kind consideration is asked for the fact that the topic is a very broad one, looked upon from the various different angles, and especially one thing should never be lost sight of, the fact that the writer was guided by plain bible-truth.

To grasp the importance of the glittering modern world it will be necessary to find the cause that directed it to its present high estate.

This statement is effective of granting a period of a lesser magnitude, or rather; of a degree considered not so exalted as the level at which we find it.

Estimating this to be so; it behooves us to reason out why the modern world is so much different than preceding worlds.

The main cause that guided the modern world to its almost incomprehensible glory is civilization. Civilization, as the word implies, signifies illumination, comprehension and understanding. These in connection and in combination with intelligence bring forth culture, refinement and the power of using the gathered knowledge.

Satisfied to have found the right definition of the word "civilization," the question is not unreasonable: "what is this particular knowledge?"

An Atheist may not believe in God, still he cannot deny the fact that this "particular knowledge," is the knowledge of the True God. The God Who created the world and upholds it to the glory of His Name.

Granting the knowledge of God to be the foundation of civilization, may not a contender reasonably ask: Were not the Grecians even more civilized than the present modern world, although they never heard of a God?

A person asking such should remember. First: the civilization of the Grecians was a heathen civilization consisting of heathen philosophy centering in religion, and surely of a higher order than of other heathen nations. Their religious civilization delighted in erecting beautiful temples bountifully supplied with fancy images. Sec-

ondly (and perhaps even more accurately) they had saved a more pure understanding of the true God. So we find that even by the heathen Greeks "the knowledge of the true God" was base and foundation upon which they had reared their polytheistic worship, and their consequent architecture, and their civilization in general. Again, some one might inquire, How is it that the children of Israel did not attain to such an outward glory of civilization, although they understood the God of heaven and earth better than any other people, the Grecians included? We may answer that Israel was consecrated by God to show forth His spiritual majesty and glory more than God's greatness in materialism, and had Israel been true, no doubt her outward civilization would have overshadowed the vain glory of the Greeks, being immensely more real and more perfect, and the difference between civilization and civilization would have been a topic of much discussion even to-day.

A glance in the history of the ages convinces us that a more or less clear conception of the true living God is the foundation of civilization. Accepting this as an undeniable principle, shall we now believe and maintain that modern civilization in all of its various phrases and pretentions is indeed the very thing desired by God?

For the present we shall not answer this question, as it is bound to appear in our further deliberation, but let us grant that civilization is a consequence of a more or less true conception of God, as is shown above, for surely, Christ Jesus who is the essence of civilization has laid in the gospel the power which was instrumental to turn the whole of the heathen world into the world of civilized christianity as it is today, even the so-called "dark ages" being witness that it was after all the gospel which guided the world on toward its course to lofty mountains of glory. The more the pure gospel was preached, the more light broke forth, and when the wonderful reformation had illuminated the world, the brightness of the light shone abundantly in the consequent civilization, which after that date took hold of all peoples, the one partaking more of the spreading lustre than the other.

Thus far we stood still by the cause of civilization which we consider responsible for "The Modern World." We shall now scrutinize more particularly this very modern world.

The "Index" places us before seventeen different viewpoints from which we shall behold this wondrous modern world, although the idea itself, as understood in the phrase—is worthy to be depicted in a simplified account by itself.

What Is The Modern World?

From what has been said it is plain that neither the Jewish nor the Grecian nation nor other peoples of the past ages are considered to be "the modern world," and thereby the fact is established that the "modern world" is the world of to-day. And, what a world, what a world! Imagine the unheard of, fabulous, immense, colossal

and incomprehensible fortunes and treasures heaped up and gathered together into the possession of a few shrewd men.

Behold the vast kingdoms of the world scraping the bloom of men, the flower of wealth, the golden dew of the earth, the glory and power of the air together, firing it in behalf of the so much coveted greatness and stability of mankind.

Let your eyes wander over the great magnificent waters, contemplate upon the wondrous ships, the leviathans of the oceans, that plow through the tumultuous billows binding country upon country. Marvel at the monstrous sea-castles intended to string the entire earth, the countries and the isles thereof, as so many pearls into one necklace hanging it upon the breast of the great, the wonderful, the coming powerful human being. Glance at those majestic sea-castles, glare and stare at the inhuman seamonsters dwelling at the roots of the mountains planted in the waters, unexpectedly and unobservedly opening their brazen mouths bulging forth hell and murder, splitting the leviathans, destroying them, their puny occupants and their unreal glory. Look at the so unseemly and yet so magnificent airships. How wonderful! Behold them gliding through the air, wandering through the heavens, losing themselves in the ether, trying to break through the "airpealing" embracing our abode. See them hovering as giant birds over city, river and hamlet, shining in the lustrous light of a summer sun. O how glorious, and yet, and yet how dreadful! No protection from them, no protection from these wonderful foes of mankind, more valuable as "life destroyers," than as sustainers of this precious gift of God. Mark the possibilities of a few of these wonderful wrought machines, hovering in the air in time of war.

Perceive the beautiful railroad trains gliding along their pathway of steel, crossing rivers, scanning gulches, thundering through tunnels, sweeping along prairies, winding about hills, piercing aged woodlands, running swiftly toward their destination, connecting city with city, town with town, hamlet with hamlet, in order that men might easily, swiftly and comparatively safely, travel from one end of the land to its utmost extremity.

Do you want to catch another glimpse of civilization? Stand at a corner of our metropolitan cities. Listen to the deafening roar of the shrieking Ally L cars running above you. Watch the noisy streetcars moving at your side. See the impossible auto trucks blocking and choking the avenues of transportation. Count the innumerable automobiles of every and any make passing noiselessly by you tooting and honking for their right of way.

Contemplate at evening tide the wondrous invention of the electric light system, illuminating the gracious boulevards, recreating dark night into the light of a fair summer day. Wonder at the immense skyscrapers, whose windows at evening look like so many diamonds glittering in sunlight. If you have seen enough of that,

rest out in your home or hotel and unhook an instrument and have a conversation with an unseen friend miles away from the place where you pour happy words into his or her attentive ear. Furthermore mark the marvelous connection wireless telegraphy makes with a sailing loved one upon the broad expanse of the briny deep, but above all listen to the gracious voices in the air, the sound of piano and harp mingled with the sweet melody of cithern and violin played in a far away castle of music and heard by you at your table at home at the Radio-horn. Look at the factories, at the banks, at the churches, at the parks, the beautiful highways, the subways, the palaces, the waterworks, the delicate machinery, the powerful engines, and remember that God created man wonderfully, investing him with powers fainly realized, powers which he uses more as means of self-destruction than as a might to strengthen and upbuild mankind for its own benefit and the glory of its Creator. Allow me to remark here that man has imagined and declared himself to be the originator of these magnificent powers which he sees fit to apply to his own vain glory.

That the latter statement is based upon un-impeachable truth is evidenced by the modern world itself. For instance, behold the upheaping of capital into the hands of the few. What a foresight, what a willpower, what a concentration of thought, what a "Herculian," strength is shown in the gathering of these unspeakable fortunes. But is this "massing" used to influence the entire race of man to strive for a higher idealism, a nobler conception of life? Indeed not" Even these plutocrats and multi-millionaires do not reap a semblance of honor, love or virtue from this unreasonable gathering of the good things of the earth which God intended for mankind, and not for the few, the few who bereave their brethren of the needful things of life, allowing them a bare and pitiful existence. Capitalism can not work any different, for it stands to reason if the few gather all things together, the multitude must suffer. This suffering, yea this unspeakable suffering, being endured by a large class who are not able to feed their babes properly or to give their children a decent education, who die in their reeking tenement houses, "and no one knows it." *That unwarranted poverty is a calamity due to the unwise gathering of riches at which the governments hoodwink claiming the glory of a christian civilization!*

Thus we have a partial and faint glimmer of the modern world. In the following pages much more shall be said regarding this fair and at the same time so ugly and cruel world.

The first thing to be considered is: "The Modern World, a Dogma-less World."

CHAPTER TWO

A Dogma-less World.

Thou lovest evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak righteousness. Psalm 52:3.

The fool hath said in his heart. There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity, there is none that doeth good. God looked from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God.

Every one of them is gone back; they are altogether become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no not one. Psalm 53:1, 2, 3.

For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it; and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it. Isaiah 28:20.

Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain. Ezekiel 22:27.

Briefly we shall now view the world from the following three aspects: The Political World, The Intellectual World, and the Religious World. The political world is purposely named first; we shall discuss its existence and aim, then consider the intellectual world, and follow this with a short observation of the religious world, believing thus to climb from the lowest to the highest sphere

The existence of the political world to-day is very complicated, wrought with danger, and therefore untenable. The affairs of the world, politically, have always been more or less complicated. The strategy of political economy thro out the ages has aimed at the political ruin of the weaker by the stronger, unless political reasons required protection of the weaker one, in which case the smaller one usually has been used as a buffer against a possible strong enemy.

The great christian war, yet raging in spots, has perfectly revealed this situation. Valiant and small Belgium, a protege of both England and France, withstood with their help the onslaught of the Germans long enough to enable the Allies to strengthen themselves and to prevent the Germans to take Paris.

Politics, as is known by the most ignorant, is conceived in secret. Anybody may boast of being a power to change conditions, and arrange "open covenants openly arrived at;" history has always proved the impossibility of such a grand scheme, and always we shall find kings, potentates, czars, kaisers and presidents acting under the cover of darkness and secrecy. Such dubious utterances are intended to mislead the unawares, the population, and perhaps self,

for indeed politics has as yet never shown an inclination to be really truthful to the core. A true-bred christian may teach his children that "political economy" consists in: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God;" politics harmonizes with exactly the opposite idea. This "secrecy in politics" is the more destructive, as it is directed by "special interest" working in secret, and this is the very power which degenerates the world into what it is to-day, a place not in the least comfortable, but a great volcano which at any moment may bulge forth the unquenchable fire, stored away in her bosom.

Secret diplomacy, in the name of your high sounding "political economy" is responsible for the League of Nations, the initial stones of her existence being laid as a foundation in our so strange and uncommon days of unrest and a feverish looking at the gloomy bodings of the coming morning.

The League of Nations has always been in force more or less, standing out as "alliances and covenants" among a few nations. Now this idea of covenant is extended to all, or most all civilized countries. Internationalism, a mere change of name, is above anything else first a peaceable and friendly exchange of the necessaries and commodities of life, and is always liable, the great war being witness, "of ensnaring and involving the nations among themselves in evil desires and evil intentions, fostered by covetness and jealousy causing the building of great navies and armies, both excused as "instruments for protection of commerce." Those navies and armies, never created for friendly purposes, are the unholy cause of much agitation, fear, unrest, producing the dangerous situation which ultimately reaches a state of instability.

The foregoing explanation of the "existence" of the political world reveals more or less clearly the secret inclination of this world to RULE. Ruling is her AIM. The League of Nations in its coming power will show not only the political, but also the religous power handled by ONE MAN, as the Supreme Ruler. The various powers to-day in operation are all directed to that end. A single glance in the religious world detects the "Inter Church Movement." The financial world sees capital heaped up. The Federation of Labor proves the theory. The gigantic trusts, the titanic monopolies in the commercial world are the guides on the road. The desire to rule, in the future concentrated in one man is the "dogma" of the political world. This dogma, almost anybody will realize it, is a false dogma. The falsity of this dogma is illustrated in our own being, and in the nationalities of the different peoples. Every man is originally purposed to think, speak and act for himself. Comparatively few do so, and these few are the "I's" and "IT'S" of the world, the lords and masters who enslaven others, who also were meant to be an "I" and a "IT."

If this is true with the individual, and it is true, it is just as true with the peoples. They are destined to rule themselves, therefore the Englishman sings "God save the King." Grand America "My Country 'tis of Thee." The Dutchman: "Wien Neerlandsch bloed." etc., etc. Melt them into one, and who shall sing any one of these purely national hymns?

But there are other reasons more potent than the ones mentioned, which we shall discuss when we view our subject from the religious standpoint.

First we consider the "dogma lessness' of the intellectual world.

The intellectual world includes within its boundaries various worlds and activities. It is not necessary to enumerate them all, it will suffice to name one, and perhaps this is the one with the most grandeur, and therefore we shall meditate for a moment upon this world with an honest intent to expose its dogma.

The commercial world, the world alluded to above might easily be considered the queen of the worlds, if I am allowed to express it in such a term. This world, the world of trade, has always been, and shall be as long as the world stands, the main artery feeding individual and national life.

The much heralded and boasted of civilization with its colossal schemes and multiplied inventions, developed comfort of living on the one side, and a new process of manufacturing on the other. Engine on engine, machine on machine produces immense quantities of trading articles calculated, in the main, to gather riches, at the same time, in a certain measure, relieving and distressing the workingman. Capitalism was the evil result of bright thoughts. This unwholesomeness unloosened evil spirits producing unscrupulous men, who in their turn used the same caliber of men to influence the different branches of government desiring legislation in their behalf. As a result of too much attention bestowed upon such influences, the government and the civil authorities soon felt themselves handicapped in the fulfilling of their sworn duties.

This naturally allowed undue protection to the few at the expense of the multitude. At this moment, almost any one realizes that conditions are such that these few, as a secret government, have now complete control of the complicated machinery of government. This "power," in our Christless christianity, easily could persuade the governments to convert their pruninghooks into swords, inducing America, under guise of "righteousness," to plunge itself into this wicked caldron of hatred burning of a consuming fire. To-day this very same secret power is seeking to entice the different governments to unite into one supreme empire lessening thereby the danger of losing their ill gotten fortunes. The League of Nations, which shall be the ultimate outcome of their scheming is introduced by them as a kingdom of peace and righteousness, which heavenly virtues *one man* shall establish and guide, the "secret power" having

learned that one man is more easily handled than a company of men with various inclinations, the secret power also realizing that if one of the covenanters repudiates its financial obligations, which, of course, rest in the hands of the secret power, another country will and can be made to produce what the other refused.

The statement has been made that inventions were intended to make the earth a worth-while place of abode. This is worthy of a little closer examination. In the main it looks indeed as if the statement is correct, and no doubt there is some truth in it, but it is not true in its nature. Certainly many of the minor things are indeed happy and agreeable inventions, for instance, the rocking chairs, the dressers, tables, chairs and nearly all kitchen utensils and household articles. Electricity, telegraph, telephone, streetcars, railroads, automobiles, etc., could be classified in the same catagory, but remove the outward appearance and scrutinize the underlying strata, and we find a tendency in exactly opposite directions. For, behold the gracious auto and the other inventions. How pleasant in times of peace, but remember the things that happened only a few years ago when peace had made place for war, how the government laid its heavy hand upon all these beautiful instruments, momently transferring them into means of destroying, directly or indirectly, God-created life.

In this brief sketch of a partial view of the commercial world two underlying dogma's are shown. The first outstanding idea found was the fact, that the rich, "special interest" had a secret control over government itself. Now, government is the manifestation of God's power vested in human beings ruling in His name. In a republican form of government this, God's power is represented in the election of a people's representative to the Presidency. This is a dogma of a republic. Behold now this dogma uprooted by the actions of special interests, subverting the modern world into a dogma-less world.

What this unworthy, principleless organization has accomplished in America, it has duplicated in kingly ruled Europe. The autocratic influence of democratic England, has stretched its culprit hands across the sea to be strengthened and has subdued by secret diplomacy our people. and with the strength of our people combined with their cunning has smashed, under holy pretences, mighty kingdoms and flourishing empires across the waters.

This shows that commerce guided by its God (Mammon) is absolutely dogma-less in regard to God Law or Government.

Another point which should be mentioned is the idea, more or less clearly defined; that the great improvements, and the wonderful inventions are in essence, in its ultimate ends rather used to bring misery to the people and depopulate the world, than to make its inhabitants happy and content, as they are advertised to do.—

This again illustrates the fact that the modern world is a false theorist, rocking itself to sleep in selfsufficiency,—defrauding its own out of peace, rest and beauty.

The modern world in all its glory is not unlike an old ugly woman in fancy young ladies' garb perceiving herself in the mirror lisping: "Ain't I a beauty tho?"

Surely many more cases of dogmalessness of the modern world might be enumerated, but at this time, I feel enough has been said to bear out the truth, a few words must be added regarding the situation in the religious world.

If any religious minded man on a sabbath day traveled from coast to coast and could wander in the streets of the cities he would be surprised to see how few of the numerous population made efforts to attend services in one of the many churches. The majority of Americans, although called christians, have no religion whatsoever, and the religion they show is a sad and unsatisfying ambition, to seek pleasure. This "pleasure seeking" is shrewdly expressed in the wonderful civilized term "re-creation." It is the auto, baseball, fishing-tackle, bathing, swimming and yachting, pleasures, "recreations" according to circumstances for which the majority is hankering.

Man is born religious, there is no exception to the rule, true religion is seeking God, any other religion is merely seeking self. Therefore the pleasure-seekers are seeking self instead of God, Who said: "Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy."

This plainly sets forth that the masses of "the modern world" are dogma-less, for in God alone true dogma is centered, and not in puny man whose breath is in his mouth, and who sustains life by a crump of bread.

In and besides this majority are a more or less separately living class of people, who consider themselves perhaps extraordinary religious. They are the "divinity doctors," the theological-professors, deans and students with the clergy of universities and churches, who have with their dogma-less doctrines weakened the God founded foundation of the very earth itself. The highest, and the most exalted of these are the "higher critics." Wonderfully did they carve, cut and dissect Scripture, substituting in its place their far sought, most disputed, and ungrounded theories and ideas.

The Bible begins with the greatest dogma man ever heard of, and upon this dogma all other dogma's are based and founded. The men of the modern world, the men of intellect, the men of culture and learning, styling themselves "higher critics" have endeavored to replace this fundamental dogma with a system of monkeys, developing from atoms harvesting mankind. The "evolution theory" taught by them but discarded again by some of their own members made fearfull inroads into the stability of mankind, for men can

only be MEN when they acknowledge their Creator, Who made man after the image of His own likeness.

It is not necessary to dwell at length upon the theory of evolution of the species and to go into details of this wonderful invention, for it is a total denial of the very root of our being as well as of the existence of the universe, and as such it preaches vehemently the dogma-lessness of this wonderful modern world.

The fruit of this theory shows itself splendidly in its consequent result. This result is the so much heralded theory of pantheism. True, the word does not appear very frequently as a mode of expression, but its thoughts uttered in words and writings extol the positiveness of the idea. Pantheism is the supposition that the universe and God, men and God, all forces in one is God. One who studies Holy Writ by the light of the Holy Spirit realizes that this idea makes God, the Creator, a subject unto Himself, or in other words; a party who creates itself, and as such he must become an uprooter of his own creation. This makes God an inferior Being who has no control over Himself, but is wrapped up in the atom which came from nothing.

The writer did not write this book with the avowed intention to go into the details of all these wonderful schemes and inventions, any one wishing more light upon the subjects of evolution pantheism and humanism, shall do well to read Discartes, the founder of modern philosophy, Spinoza Fichte, Schelling and Hegel and others. The last named maintains that: "man is both one with nature and with the 'absolute Spirit,' and, therefore the highest of being, the last in the chain of development, in fine; 'man is God.'" Of course, this is the result of the error of reasoning man, who, in the last stage of "the falling away" (spoken of by St. Paul in 2 Thessalonians 2) edifies sinful man as God the Divine.

This stage is significantly expressed in the term "humanism." Humanism agrees "that man can obey the law of righteousness without any Divine interposition, assuring us that "No revelation that God made of Himself and of His will in past generations, is authoritative for us; as, our God is within us, being our guide. No book can bind us; and no prophet can be our master." The humanist sings:" I am the master of my faith,

I am the captain of my soul."

It is plain and very evident that this revolutionary spirit prepares the highway for Anti-Christ. This person exalted by man shows himself the manifestation of God planning to unseat the Holy One. It really does not take much time or study to behold the modern world preparing itself to receive its great king, who shall be Master of State and Church.

God himself has drawn this man's picture with an indelible pencil, to forwarn His Elect to see and flee this evil being. The

prophet Daniel calls him "The Little Horn" Dan 7:8. drawing chapter 8, 9 and 10 the image of his type "Antiochus Epephanus" and the expected one. St. Paul in 2 Thes 2:3 calls him "The man of sin." St. John, the Patmos Seer, in Revelation 13:18 calls him "the Number of Man" (666). In Chapter 17 he is revealed as "The Eighth King." Chapter 19:20 identifies him as "The False Prophet." Chapter 13:11 shows him "The Beast Coming out of the Earth" and the Apostel John in his first letter verse 8 brings him forward as "The Anti-Christ," who denies Christ and God and of whom Isaiah says: How art thou fallen from heaven, O, Lucifer, son of the morning, (who said:) I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. etc. Isaiah 14:9 to and with 32.

Enough has been said to pronounce the religion of the modern world worse than any preceding religions of heathens and christians. God and Creation, are the fundamental dogma's of the universe. Both are denied and replaced by the LIE founded in hell. Now the Lie can never be a dogma, hence the modern world with all its lustre and glitter has no dogma. Has no dogma in politics, no dogma in intellectualism, no dogma in religion, and is therefore a world utterly void of the smallest atom of a dogma.

CHAPTER THREE

A World Filled With Incomprehensible Ideas.

Fear, and the pit, and the snare, are upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth. From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs, even glory to the righteous. But I said: My leanness, my leanness, woe unto me: The treacherous dealers have dealt treacherous; yea, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously. Isaiah 24:17, 16.

Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood, and stablished a city by iniquity. Habakkuk 2:2.

The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall justle one against another in the broad ways; they shall seem like torches, they shall run like lightnings. Nahum 2:4.

There is a crying for wine in the streets; all joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is gone. Isaiah 24:11.

Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. Luke 21:10.

A casual observer looking about him, contemplating upon the various activities of man engaged in the different movements on foot to better the world wonders at the conflicting and opposing forces bitterly contesting each other for supremacy, each boasting virtues strange to the other, and each proclaiming to lead to the so much coveted goal.

The great war, fought with the avowed purpose of conquering the earth, has seemingly released a horde of evil spirits, who, disguised as angels of light have invaded man's field of labor and thought, making men unfit for a sober and noble discharge of their God-ordained obligations to serve Him and each other.

We saw the incomprehensible idea of a "secret power" transplanting government. This power, it is to be to remembered, centers in the "International Banking Association," and masters and controls government, financial and almost any other power, clashing more or less with a more and more suspicious growing labor element.

This evil financial power, protected by the various governments, heaps mighty fortunes upon mighty fortunes on the one side, places on the other side unbearable burdens, disturbs thus the balance of citizenship and divides the people into two unevenly matched classes.

This very undesirable situation cannot help to produce a mighty conflict, a horrid struggle as never before witnessed on this old globe, a calamity by which the French Communium, the German uprooting, the Russian Revolution sink into insignificancy, even tho it be admitted that they are the preludes of the fast approaching drama.

Looking into another direction the observer meets with a dexterous movement frought with the most bewildering calamities.

In almost all the countries of the globe some wise men advise the restless modern world to calm itself and lie down in PEACE. These men are the rulers of the earth, who, as some great doctors have mixed a medicine which they claim will restore old earth to a peaceful swinging in the glorious heavens. They are the guides of the destinies of the peoples. who, they calculate can live in peace and harmony under one roof, the League of Nations. Their clamor is taken up by the clergy in general, they, unaware and unmindful of the Scriptures, dream of a peaceful earth, a millennium in which men live in Brotherhood in the Fathership of the great God. America, awakening out of its trance of establishing "democracy" on the earth, killing off militarism, and helping the "weaker nations" is very much in doubt as to the merit of the above described medicine. Her statesmen, with the people at large are noticing the trap set for them, and feeling what it has cost them to help build this conveyance of fraud, are as yet not ready to grant old diplomatic England a warranty-deed to this country. Ex-President, Woodrow Wilson, and the International Banking Association, each for their own particular reasons have openly and secretly advocated joining the outlandish combination notwithstanding the soundly founded opposition. Accepting Ex-President Wilson's excuse "for Humanity's sake" to join the League, forstalling thereby the breaking of old wicked Europe's heart, there is. besides this plea abundance of proof that much more pressing reasons prevailed with the ex-president to insist upon America signing the covenant which he secretly arranged with the rulers on the other side of the big waters.

Regarding this humanity idea, I hope to look a little closer in this "obscure idea" of a loveless and very egoistic modern world, when we consider the "Pious World."

Just like some years ago the Peace Palace at the Hague, Holland, symbolized a world PEACE so now, when the great war shattered all the beautiful aircastles, I say: so now they have erected and are contemplating a much more glorious scheme in which the world will live comfortably in peace, and this scheme is the so much praised and the so much denounced League of Nations. This League of Nations, so the great men teach, will abolish war, reduce armor, and restrict navies. O, surely, this sounds beautiful and nobody should wonder that a Scripture-denying clergy supports the movement with

much ado and pulpit oratory. How incomprehensible the one thing and the other is, is shown by the fact that these very same RULERS are building at the same time plenty murderous air and seaships storing up an abundance of war material as if they expect that by tomorrow again nation will rise up against nation and kingdom against kingdom. This plainly reveals that "the treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously, yes, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously." Was this true in the time of Isaiah, God knows it is more true to-day, proving that history repeats itself. The very opposing ideas are prophesied by Isaiah, Chapter 2, and Joel, Chapter 3.

Again, when we observe the so sweet sounding "Interchurch World Movement" we notice a strange unchurch-like air. Holy Writ depicts the church as a spiritual body having its head "Christ" in heaven. This reality ought to make the church spiritual minded, and what do we see: a movement calculated to scrape the gold together *as dust*, even as if God's kingdom represents a kingdom of earthly glory. It is not surprising that the great denominations refuse to subscribe to the movement, for it is an altogether too clumsy undertaking. No doubt, but the Interchurch Movement is conceived in hell but the founder was too reckless in the exposition of his aim, and in the election of the leaders, but surely future shall reveal the same scheme decorated with glorious religious colors. When we deliberate the Pious World we shall have an opportunity to pay a little closer attention to this pious movement, fitting in so nicely with the extraordinary times. Another circumstance worthy of our attention, and which is surely, "A Sign of the Times;" is the spirit of democracy, fostered by the world war, which unexpectedly, as a mighty billow overwhelmed kings and thrones, leaving in its wake an unstable uncontrollable and unconquerable desire of splintering and smashing old and new born regimes. Democracy, in its proper element is pantheistic. It is an evolution which in the long ago dethroned "Theocracy" and established "Autocracy" which in the process of evolution develops democracy, a power which is incapable of recognizing powers higher than its own. A christian observer will take cognizance of the fact that this "evolution" is the reverse of the theory of evolution.

Democracy is absolutely a stranger to God, is deprived of recognizing the powers that are as ordained by God, and therefore, the truer it develops out of its own principle, the worse the "Godforgetfullness" will exploit its horrid ugliness. Russia may call it "bolshivism." France may apply the name of "communium," and England may baptize it "radicalism" and America may brag about her "democracy," it is all the same in essence. It is the spirit of revolution, which upset paradise by revolting against the "LAW of God," and which will soon upset the entire earth, destroying all semblance of God given law, declaring war against heaven itself.

The government inaugurated at the birth of America, in appearance the same as the present differs widely from it, for America has today a "Autocrat-democracy," while the founders of this republic adhered closely to what may be rightfully classified as a "Theo-democracy."

Another illustration of an incomprehensible state of affairs is what happened recently in the city of Chicago. In this particular case, the best of lawyers framed a primary-law for the State of Illinois. This law was approved by the House of Representatives, who passed upon it, and was duly signed by the governor of the State. But when the law came into operation, and it was found that it did not work as expected; these very same lawyers and governor appealed to the Supreme Court, which saw to it that it was nullified, after hearing only the testimony of a criminal, defeating in its decision the people and saving "secret government."

Many cases of "instability, insecurity, unreliability, incomprehensible actions of governments as well as of the people, of conventions as well as of bodies of law-makers, of employers as well as of employees, as clergy as well as of laymen, of pulpit as well as of theater, might be enumerated, all tending to preach the seriousness of the times. The very air is full of disfranchising, defrauding, disorganizing spirits who dexterously lead humanity to the hope of the ages, the great and wonderful Superman, who now knocks at the gate of the world, and of whom Jesus said: "some one will come in his own name, him you will accept."

CHAPTER FOUR

A Very Materialistic World.

Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked. Revelation 3:17.

The merchants of these things, which are made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing. Revelation 18:15.

This know also that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God. Timothy 3:1, 2, 4.

Woe unto them; for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core. Jude 11.

Their land also is full of silver and gold, neither is there any end of their treasures, their land is also full of horses, neither is there any end of their chariots. Isaiah 2:7.

Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is their shame, who mind earthly things. Philippians 3:19.

Two thousand and six hundred years ago, Elijah thinking to be alone a servant of the Most High, was informed by Jehovah that seven thousand like him had not bowed down for Baal.

Meditating upon the materialistic inclinations of the modern world, in which it is nearly impossible to find a human being contrary-minded; it is a relief to be enabled to reflect upon Elijah and gather the assurance from above that there are also today many who have not wandered after strange gods, modern Baal, "god Mammon," although every one seems to exert himself to serve this cold and cruel master of the enlightened christian world.

Comforted by this knowledge, the knowledge that God saves His own; it will be easier to behold the spectacle of magnificent men abducting and absconding in fast fleeing materialism.

Scripture says: "men are like the beasts of the field who perish," and yet, notwithstanding this fact, Scripture also depicts man of a

much higher order than the beasts, for God created man after His own likeness. This image of God is not exhibited in the carnal body, but in the glorious soul which cannot die. A more or less clearer manifestation of this "Likeness of God" shows in the lovingness of the soul dwelling in the body of the true christian, who seeks after God, and loses itself into the things of God, although mere man beholds it not.

Contrary to these are the majority whose highest aim is accumulation of the glittering things of the materialistic world, which, as a dream, flutter away.

This longing for and reaching out after the things of the world is in one sphere identified with "the struggle for existence," and in another sphere wtih the unwarranted heaping up of never heard of fortunes.

Scripture says: "Where the treasure is there is the heart also." A treasure consists in the valuation man puts upon the things that appeal to him. The inclinations of all men are carnally minded, but a rebirth changes this and bends it over to the spiritual. These then become the spiritually-minded who place their valuation upon the unseen, heavenly treasures, which do not change nor pass away, while the carnally-minded value only those things which appeal to the eye the senses and the desires of a heart corrupt from birth.

This denotes that there are two streams in the world flowing in opposite directions. The great majorities, the immense multitudes are seeking the things of the world, while only a very few are looking for the city above whose Master builder is Christ Jesus.

To follow the great multitudes in their various activities and behold them esteeming things of no real value whatsoever, is the task which now lies before us. Again we might divide the modern world into two different groups. One group seeking satisfaction in possessing the things which glorify the flesh, and the other group the things which glorify the spirit. The first named are those who seek riches, and the other those who delight in receiving homage, but both of them have this in common, that they seek self. The class goaling after riches are, as a rule, void of pity, their love for gain despises tenderness, and their virtues are none as they offer all human kindness upon the altar of unrighteous Mammon. How great a sin this is, is depicted in the sorry spectacle, that God withholds from some of them, even in this life, the power to use their riches for their own benefit. These people are the corrupters of the earth, the men who spoil themselves and all things with which they come in contact.

The other class are not so harmful as long as they abstain from polluting the religious world, in which some of them move. This class as long as they seek their own glory in the vain knowledge of the movement of heavenly bodies, and other things pertaining to the wisdom of the world their aim is "aimless" I would say; but when these learned self-seekers in the religious sphere try to place them-

selves in the seat of God, then they are more harmful than all the other combined. But as we are not now speaking about the religious situation of the modern world, but dwell more particularly upon the materialistic inclinations of this world, we will leave the first named at rest, to gain a better view of materialism.

Intellectualism is the field of the higher minded, and at the same time it is also the solid base upon which commerce, banking, industry and other occupations and vocations are founded. A close observation will reveal that the one cannot be without the other.

The inventor, the man of intellect, lays the foundation upon which high finance is reared. The fortune gatherer understands how to utilize to his own advantage a new invention intended to be for the benefit of the public in general, selling the production to the highest bidder. As a matter of course; an invention, if properly handled will bring financial results. The invented machinery of all sort, in connection with great schemes to develop industries and commerce strengthened and protected by legislation has produced the trusts and the monopolies which are so unfair in competition and so unsound in doctrine. Now, upon these unwise and unwholesome applications of the merits of inventions are built the enormous, monstrous, gigantic and colossal fortunes of the modern world. These fortunes are the menace of civilization, the cancer which eats the life of the nations, destroying the very roots of the existence of the world. That hankering after materialism, be it in small or large proportion, leads men to become mere selfseekers, whose deplorable actions with their own unhappy state is vividly depicted in Holy Scripture. Seeking self, or egoism, is a cold blooded, narrow minded, unreasonable ambition, which, in the political world is engaged to establish a combination of nations framed to dethrone the Almighty, while in the religious world it directs the churches to unification in humanism, calculating to place mere man upon the glorious seat of the Creator of the Universe.

It is very evident that capital on the one hand, and labor with its various organizations on the other hand are both occupied in establishing the regime of the coming "superman" who shall control the entire world, both falsely dreaming that such a regime will be able to solve the great social and political problems of the modern world. In this world movement capital is the disputed leader, leading by a system of falsehood and corruption as never before witnessed upon this most wonderful created globe. Undisputable, capital has so far been able to control the opposing forces, aiming at the same goal. This, our age, is the age of capital, and how fearful, how wicked, cold and cruel this age might be; it is yet by far to be desired above the horrid rule of the revolting spirit of the near future-age which shall plunge this old sinfilled world from the brink of the abyss, into the very throes of the great tribulations spoken of by Christ in Mathew 24.

As long as capital was national, it was bad but passable, but when it identified itself with internationalism the world itself reeled and trembled as a drunken man, hardly able to overcome the tremendous shock which shook it with such disastrous results. The great war, yet raging, no matter how dexterously explained, or beautifully colored, was and is in reality nothing but a mighty convulsion in financial centers, which formed the base of the gigantic struggle, which again had its foundation in the religious world, of which we shall speak later.

The root of all evil is centered in the desire to gather riches, which is the recognized controlling power. A beggar might scheme at it, also kings and rulers may reach after it. It is of little value to know the name of the party engaged to conquer all, but it is worth the world to behold the man activily scheming the universe into his pocketbook. The man who is openly accused of stealing the world is not so much to be feared, but the one secretly plotting to rule the universe is the man or power for which the entire world may look out as for a fearful evil.

It is of the greatest importance to know whether the Kaiser sought to conquer the world, or whether his accuser, England, tries to establish that feat, or whether another party plans to accomplish this very thing.

The great christian world war was fought with the secret desire and the avowed purpose to lay the christian world down at the feet of one man. For this ideal kingdoms were smashed, and law and order were set aside and in the name of God unrighteousness was sold for righteousness. The great war, yet burning, is instrumental in organizing the secret forces into one combination of evil, out of which the great genius will come before whom the kings of the earth shall creep in the dust of the earth, and who shall receive glory from the misguided multitudes, being acclaimed by them as the great deliverer of the world.

The unrighteous rich, with their unscrupulous motives have defied from the beginning God's laws and orders. The blood of slaughtered humanity can be traced to the temple of Mammon.

That unprecedented hankering after materialism, that goaling after riches, that unholy reaching out for the things of the world in the modern world, is not the sin of the capitalist only but is the sin of the churches as well. It took the spirit of the modern world to introduce into the christian churches its worldly, Godless, faithless budget system, the god of the most corrupted political world. One minister of the calvinistic pulpit even, offered the unwarranted statement and excuse that the budget system was and is not a cold-blooded business proposition but an object of christian faith. (The cold Dollar worth as much as Christ.) Could a surer sign of extreme materialism as preached to-day be found in ages behind us?

The great wise man Solomon said: "A present blinds the eye and corrupts the heart." Sure, this is truer in the religious world than in any other, and yet, how eagerly grabs the hand of the minister of the gospel the coveted dollar laughingly jokingly. The signs of the modern world are bountifully exposed in the church papers. There is no boasting in the spirit of Christ, of Christ who had no hole like the foxes to lie in, and no nest like the birds to rest in, but there is a boasting in the great number of members, the beautiful churches, the fine parsonages, the learned men of the churches, the great church organs, the great colleges with their million dollar schemes, etc., etc.

The labor forces in the industrial world are like the capitalists, and the clergy, busily engaged in scheming to harvest a great crop of materialism in the modern world. Strikes and strikes are the order of the day. It does not matter how lavishly labor is rewarded, the cry for more is raised just the same. No one is satisfied! Everything is unstable! Unrest is the air we breathe. Mankind is swayed to and fro. No one knows what is going to happen to-morrow. Reality has become unreal, certainty has lost its footing. Everybody lives in the expectation of great things to happen, and everybody is trying to get the best of the prevailing situation. Religion is clothed in commerce and commerce is dressed in religion. Everybody toots and blows some kind of a horn. Religious papers boast of Christ with dollars in the pocket, and the Dollar glorifies a Christ, the carpenter of Nazareth. To sum up; the world, the beautiful modern world is a thoroughly organized world in regard to materialism, in which even the church has lost the last vestige of identification, competing with the world for the crown, although she vehemently denies this charge.

This sinister condition is created by the great number of inhuman "christians" who took to murdering during the World War. A war which originated from purely materialistic reasons, and which the churches declared to be "Righteous." This war weakened the foundation of religion, loosened the rocks of common sense, uprooted law and order and established chaos in the political, intellectual and religious worlds, which form the so much boasted of "Modern Christian World."

As a result of modern materialism the modern world is in convulsions, the throes and pangs of a woman in travail are upon her, and to-morrow she may be delivered of her great son, the wonderful intellect, the mighty gatherer of forces, the so long expected one who will try to reach the heavens, who being exalted by the earth-dwellers will consider himself fit to replace the Almighty, because apparent success in the materialistic world seems to crown him, but his regime shall be an endless string of troubles and adversities and calamities as never before the old earth has witnessed and his end, and the culmination of the materialistic modern world shall be a total doom.

CHAPTER FIVE

A Very Pious World.

And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation neither shall they learn war any more. Their land is also full of idols; they worship the work of their hands, that which their own fingers have made; and are soothsayers like the Philistines, and they please themselves in the children of strangers. Isaiah 2:4, 7, 6.

For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, and there a little. Isaiah 28:10.

I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. Jeremiah 23:25.

For false Christs and false prophets shall arise, and shall show signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect. Mark 13:22.

Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me. Isaiah 29:13.

The modern christian world acts very much like Esau who sold his birthright for a mass of porridge. With the slogan "come, let us eat and drink and be merry for to-morrow we may die" the world is foolishly attempting to pacify itself with dwelling in a seemingly lustrous abode, wallowing in fast fleeting materialism which cannot satisfy at all.

In its sweeping goaling after materialism it realizes the need of a covering which will clothe her for the expected appearance of a most righteous judge. This covering is the bright cloak of religion which it claims and cuts to its liking, snugly fitting it about its conspicuous body, meeting more than half way the church which has unscrupulously fitted herself in a coat of commerce betraying herself to her enemy and seducer.

The newest and most pompous garb in which the "modern world" has so charmingly appeared lately, is the "Interchurch World Movement."

Perhaps some-one might suggest that this movement was a church and not a world movement. This argument is easily set at naught by the so vehemently expressed idea which was very much in evidence that the gathering of many millions was the vital and pivot point of interest about which the entire movement centered,—showing forth the spectacle that the whole religious scheme was nothing but a very materialistic ambition. This plainly demonstrates that cold, unfeeling god Mammon is deliberately decking himself with a very pious mantle. And indeed both Mammon and the world have sufficient reasons to appear in a religious cloak.

Mammon's throne, secret government, (referred to in preceding chapters) after dethroning kings, and depopulating the earth, is shaking and tottering, and to forestall an imminent smash-up and a complete wreckage, Mammon and the world have entered into partnership busily occupying their allotted time in buying religious timber coloring it with the bright hue of adulterated sweet Godliness.

Special and especially privileged interests comprehending the meaning of yonder rumbling thunder and understanding the significance of the angry roar of the surging billows, are deliberating upon ways and means to put oil upon the swelling waves by recommending to restore the Bible in the Public School, in a limited form, believing thereby to ward off an impending catastrophe.

Any one looking beneath the pious surface will observe that this move is meant solely to save self, as it must appear unto him that a limited use of bible-instruction is calculated to be a dyke of safety against the maelstrom of Socialism, Bolshiviki, and Anarchism. To show that this "bible-movement" is nothing but a cloak of a religious color, let us look into the reality of the situation a little closer. It is a fact that the very same modern world is also arranging all of its evil un-American force and spirit to kill outright the very school which still uses Scripture in full in its curriculum. This brings out the conflicting theories struggling for mastery in the pious modern world. The one tendency is to strengthen the god of this age with a mixture of materialism and religion, which we may conveniently call, the spirit of this age, while the tendency to boldly oust biblical education from all schools reveals the fierce ungallant and monstrous spirit of the coming age, the age of socialism, bolshiviki and anarchism. Mammon is bound to protect self, even tho he shall do it by the use of Scripture, while Mammons protege, secret societies, boasting upon the Scriptures, tries to displant it by a doctrine of patriotism, not founded upon the bible.

Deliberating upon these things and observing many other points of interest, the statement made by many intellectual men that the world is getting better and better, seems to be the lie, intellect fabricated out of wholesale falsehood, for, if we consider the spirit which moves the modern world to discard the everlasting word of God, stealing it from the growing generations than no one need to be a

prophet to see calamity following calamities, and castrophy following castrophies until the end of the world falls upon the modern christian world as a thief in the night, as foretold in Scripture.

The aim of the Interchurch World Movement is practically the same as the aim of the League of Nations. The League of Nations connects the political existence of the different christian nations binding them together under one supreme ruler. The Interchurch World Movement perfects the same situation along religious lines with the very same peoples uniting the ruling churches into one general church under one head. Both of these movements are indeed very pious movements of the so exceedingly materialistic world and are at the same time two mighty powers in the Modern World. These two great powers with their religious trimmings are identified in Scripture. Revelation 13 depicts two beasts, the one coming out of the sea, the other out of the land. The one out of the sea is readily recognized by the movement of an united christian world, opposing the Almighty in The League of Nations. In the beast out of the land a sober observer can not fail to see the picture of the Interchurch World Movement. A more complete view of these beasts will be given when we speak and meditate upon the Anti-Christ.

While the kings of the earth were deliberating about everlasting peace and for that purpose had erected in The Hague their beautiful peace palace, and when Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox sang so sweetly:

"If you glance at history's pages
In all lands and eras known,
You will find the vanished ages
Far more wicked than our own.
As you scan each word and letter
You will realize it more
That the world to-day is better
Than it ever was before.

then, at a most unexpected moment hell turned loose, and the unchristian world-war, predicted by Christ in Mathew 24:7, smashed all of the stupendous and glorious dreams of mankind, sick and dead in the corrupting sins of egoism, self-righteousness and man edification. And to-day, when kings are dethroned, kingdoms shattered and peoples broken, to-day again the sweet voice of the seducer is heard in a peace song while the very rocks of the earth tremble and shudder under the weight of ammunition, and the seas are alive with the darting monsters holding hell in their folds, and the air is rent with the noise and the rattle of machinery intended to inflame earth, hell and heaven.

All this is happening when the whole world piously proclaims the glory of "The Carpenter of Nazareth," the "great Master" whom they hate and despise and for thirty pieces of silver crucify anew. Yes, indeed, a very pious world this Modern World of to-day!

Behold the great "dry movement." Behold and see how much better the world grows day by day. Isaiah seeing this day said: "There is a crying for wine in the streets, every house is shut up, that no man may come in." Isaiah 24:10, 11.

This statement pictures present conditions in brilliant words. The saloons, the great sources of revenue are "shut up" no man may enter into them. The forlorn frequenter of these reeking holes wanders along the streets cursing looking for "wine" and being unable to quench his ever present thirst. The saloons are closed, the manufacturing of strong drink is prohibited, and yet; behold the drunkard staggering along the gutters, satisfying his unwholesome thirst with poison or home-made brew unlawfully boiled. And yet generally speaking after all; the prohibition or dry laws accomplish much good. Undeniable, a moral improvement manifestly spreads over the length and the breadth of the land, but a cold, unfeeling moral improvement does not effect a change of heart. Apparently many good people are led astray by the appearance of things, and are possessed of a dislike to contemplate upon "the signs of the times" so plentious and mightily revealed in our days.

Attending an adult bible class, the teacher, a shrewd lawyer made very much of the "dry movement" imagining it to be the gates of the "millennium." Being asked to express my opinion regarding it, I proved to the audience that said movement was a mere moral improvement, while a spiritual improvement should center about Christ, the Redeemer of the world. Such Sunday schools and such Churches with no deeper grounds for salvation abound in the land, clearly exposing the fact that the world is very pious indeed basing her redemption upon political trickery and religious humbug. The dry movement is a compulsory reformation assisting the pious Interchurch World Movement to set up the throne of the so much desired superman, whose breath is corrupting his obedient and willing followers.

Another notable thing of the world dry movement is worthy of a moment's reflection. For instance the wine is withheld from the poor, while the rich debase themselves in the wineglass as if a law against the use of it never had been made. They have their cellars laden with it, or simply move to a country where no prohibition laws are in effect, thereby proving the very words of St. John when he says in Revelation 6:6 "hurt not the oil and wine."

Years ago the rich were busily engaged to frustrate the soothing and balming effects of Scripture by removing the bible out of the public schools. To-day, they realize their blunder and now they move heaven and earth in order to restore Scripture again into the life of the public schools. Why? and what are the reasons for this unexpected move? Because they tremble for the future. Because

they find their ill-gotten fortunes in danger to be swept away from them. Because they notice that they dug their own graves, and now, piously, in the name of religion they covet the blessed influence of Scripture, hoping it will carry the burden of their ill-begotten and over-balanced fortunes.

The last generation missed the calming influence and the uplifting and regenerating virtues of Scripture, but a spirit void of reason, strange to love sowed malice and evil where grace, goodwill and tenderness ruled before, and now these minds are the well watered fields, the fertile gardens for the seeds of Russian Bolsheviki, French Communism, English Socialism, and American Humanism. Indeed the "unrighteous Mammon" is changing the face of the world into a pious commercial hypocrite. Do you desire the picture? Behold then the mighty conflict, yet raging. Perceive, nation against nation, as never the earth witnessed before. See; the world war, the caldron of hell-hatred. This war, predicted by Christ; was instigated by Mammon and by him pronounced as a "righteous war," even, ministers of the gospel, (so called); spoke of "soldiers blood which with the blood of Christ" was now redeeming the world. Pure nonsense and gross blasphemy. Behold the righteous war: in the name of God, christians killing christians for the sake of gain. Yes, the world is very pious indeed, calling the wholesale slaughtering of the youth of the white race righteous, offering these lives upon the altar of Baal, sacrificing the fruit of the womb to god Moloch.

In this chapter we have seen the unregenerated old world in the power of satan covering itself with a very religious mantle, and in the following chapter we shall behold the gracious church decking herself with the beautiful garb of commercialism.

CHAPTER SIX

The Sleeping Church.

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. . . . While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. Math 25:1, 5.

Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Math 24:44.

The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib; but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider. Isaiah 1:3, 21.

Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? . . . . .Therefore he had poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle; and it had set him on fire round about, yet he knew not, and it burned him, yet he laid it not to heart. Isaiah 42:24, 25.

A people that provoketh me to anger continually to my face; that sacrificeth in gardens which remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments, which eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable things is in their vessels; which says stand by thyself, come not near to me, for I am holier than thou. Isaiah 65:3, 4, 5.

For the land is full of adulterers, and their course is evil. For both prophet and priest are profane; yes, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the Lord. Jeremiah 23:10, 11.

And my people are bent to backsliding from me; though they called them to the most High, none at all would exalt HIM. Hosea 11:7.

Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came. Amos 6:1.

Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things; they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they showed difference between the unclean and the clean. . . . .And her prophets have daubed them with untempered morter, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying Thus said the Lord God, when the Lord hath not spoken. Ezekiel 22:26, 28.

His watchmen are blind; they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough and they are shepherds that cannot understand! they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, for his quarter. Isaiah 56:10, 11.

Against whom do you sport yourselves? against whom do you make a wide mouth? and draw out the tongue? are ye not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood? Enflaming yourselves under every green tree, slaying the children in the valleys under the clifts of the rocks? Isaiah 57:4, 5.

There is more or less misconception in regard to what constitutes the church. Some alluding to the church, refer to the very elect, only known by God. Over against those are they, who, speaking about the church mean christendom in general as represented in the different church denominations.

It seems to me that the latter idea is incorporated in the word "church" and is therefore in full accord with Scripture.

In Revelation 12:1 God depicts the church as He alone is able to behold her, for He sees her as a woman clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet, crowned with twelve stars. This is the pure, spotless church, redeemed out of all peoples tongues and nations, so glorious as no man could make nor find her. In Revelation 17 God draws the picture of the church as she in reality is in His sight, an extremely unclean and vile woman sitting upon a monstrous beast, revealing the Church at large carried by the corrupt political State. Again, in Revelation 18, the true Revealer likens the church to a city (Babylon). In a city, who knows it not? dwells the good next to the bad, the pure next to the vile, the righteous next to the unrighteous. The Almighty, in the picture of a city unfolds us the real church situation, setting forth the fact that within christendom in general is found the christendom in reality, The Christian living in His God.

The Bible is not wrong. And, if we follow Scripture and hold the idea of a city before us; it seems to me we can never go wrong nor fail to have a true conception of the meaning of "church."

That Christ Jesus also looks upon the church in accord with this interpretation is perfectly illustrated in the parable of the ten virgins of Mathew 25, in which the last days of the world, and of the church are so vividly portrayed.

After meditating and reflecting upon the following points, we can not fail to grasp an inkling of the indeed sorrowful and lamentable church conditions now prevailing, presuming the reader believes with the writer that Jesus pictures in the parable of the ten virgins the few moments preceding His glorious return, which cannot be delayed so very long any more.

These points are:

(1). The League of Nations.
(2). The Inter-Church World Movement.
(3). The Dry Movement.
(4). The Righteous War.
(5). Commercialism.
(6). Democracy.
(7). The Tendency to Deny the Meaning of this Great World War.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

St. Paul in Thessalonians 2 describes very clearly two great each other opposing powers. By careful reading and prayerful meditation it will dawn upon one that these two gigantic powers are contending for the mastership of the political world.

One of these powers is easily identified as representing the titanic force of evil centralizing its existence in a covenant of christian nations, so called, combining glory, power, finance, military art, culture and wisdom to oppose the Almighty replacing Him with a splendid product of its cunning. This is the unheralded aim and the sinister object of the so much coveted League of Nations, which is also known by the gracious title of: "The New Internationalism," and the so much meaning name of: "The Federation of the World, the Parliament of MEN."

The force opposing this bold sinister cunningly devised, hell-concocted scheme consists of the waning influence of the Holy Spirit dwelling in the church, from which, without any political organization, it extends its merciful, uplifting, loving and good will tendencies in the political world, to day more dead in denying God and consequent corruptness, than ever before.

Paul, in said chapter, depicts the struggle and its ultimate result, and therefore, it is no prophecy, nor an attempt at it to say that this League of Nations shall erelong be master of all of the so called christian world, having at its head one man for whom the entire world shall fall in the dust, and who shall receive homage of all kings, rulers, presidents and potentates, as is plainly revealed by God in Revelations 17.

After this brief biblical sketch of "the Covenant of the Nations" it behooves us to find out how the church in general behaves toward this political scheme.

As it appears to me, the church at large is favoring very much this great political scheme, but because of the strong aggitation, in some quarters against the recklessly framed up League of Nations idea; abstains more or less from identifying herself with the movement, although the tendencies favoring the cause have been very pronouncedly advocated by the individual pastors.

And why, why is the church in general so very friendly over against the League of Nations? Why why does the church expect so much of a political scheme which can do nothing else but bring ruin upon the world, and upon the church itself?

There are three reasons which explain her position. In the first place,—because of her unbelief. In the second place,—because of her misunderstanding. In the third place,—because the church became an organization of human sentimentality.

Generally speaking, the church has discarded Scripture, which speaks loudly in the fact that she allowed undue influences to take the bible from the schools, instituting in its place the nefarious ideas and theories of evolution, pantheism and humanism, which shooting deep roots bloom now in the tree of "Goddenial" with its branches of unbelief and superstition. This lamentable church condition proves without doubt the truth of Jesus' words so clearly and precisely given in the parable of the ten virgins, depicting the very church of our days, or the "sleeping church."

Again, the church suffers an unwarranted and pitiful lack of understanding the Scriptures. The colossal, magnificent and beautiful structures of "dogmatical" castles, superfluously ornamented with wonderful decorated theoritical watchtowers, protected by deep wisdom trenches, lack, notwithstanding a clear insight in the balming words of a crucified Redeemer. Or, in plain words, the universities, colleges and clergy, inflamed by the glittering splendidness of an illustrious world listened to the idle prattle of an evil seducer who duly informed them that the mysterious prophecies of the old prophets could not be comprehended, nor was it possible that any one could understand the meaning of all symbolic Revelation, and it would therefore be very proper and to the glory of God to abstain from reading or teaching out of these books, for surely any one attempting a translation or an explanation would commit the crime of misrepresenting the Spirit, as many did who tried to understand these words.

Of course, there is some semblance of truth in such reasoning, of course there is! There was truth also in the "apple-lie" in paradice. The church, again believing the arch-liar; is by this and other such false reasoning fallen into a position which makes her totally unfit to understand the significance of the political upheavels, the meaning of the social disarrangements, and the low ebb of the religious sentiment ruling the "Modern world," proving by herself the truth of Jesus' words spoken in the parable of the ten virgins, depicting to the "crossing of the t's and the dotting of the i's" the very condition of "the Sleeping Church."

It stands to reason that the conditions enumerated above are responsible for unwise and foolish unbiblical sentimentality. This sordid and worldly sentimentality seeks in a political plotting together of the wicked, God-forgetting nations a Savior, who, under a melodious name, shall redeem the unsaved and unregenerated world by a mere moral improvement and betterment of living conditions, which surely proves the abnormal low spirited life of the church, and betokens her as indeed very soundly and proverbly asleep.

Needless to say this secret or open co-operation of the church with the world, regarding her stand concerning the political League of Nations, illustrates plainly the combination of the church and the world into one unity and uniformity showing unmistakable signs of the sleeping church, which condition is also clearly marked in the idea of The Interchurch World Movement of which we now intend to say a few words.

THE INTER-CHURCH WORLD MOVEMENT.

When Jesus came and lived in the midst of his people, enlightening them with the heavenly glory shining in the saving message, hardly anybody respected Him or paid any attention to His message, for He came as a beggar without earthly show and ambition, but when in our pretentious age of a boasted civilization another man should come with a wonderful *human* invention; the world full of ambition, and the church filled with overpowering wisdom would kneel with kind and unmingled admiration at his feet loudly proclaiming the inauguration of a new era, for the man came with all the glitter of a beautiful framed message calculated to do homage to the god of the age.

Yes, the so much heralded Interchurch World Movement, harping a little too much upon the strings of the golden harps of god Mammon produces nevertheless delightful music to the ears of the souls of a very pious church. Its doctrine of humanism, with its bowing sweet grace toward the carpenter of Nazareth; is indeed a wonderful invention of human wisdom shrewdly arrayed to blindfold the entire christian church, trying to amaze if possible even Gods very elect. This movement with its polished words and exact sentences of elegant style couched in learned language is the very counterpart of true religion with its bloody cross its ugly message of sin, dead and hell so gloomly set forth in language devoid of sweet flowering, and yet, and yet nearly all of the manifold churches of the various denominations acted as if they heard the bells of heaven ringing, when god Mammon in reality was tinkling with the golden dollars.

The inability of the church to "prove the spirits" is a sign of the times proclaiming as with a far sounding trumpet the most astonishing fact that the church is a very sleepy church indeed.

Seemingly, in this movement, so generally responded to, looms the supposition, and is the fact established that the protestant churches are getting estranged from their own isms, and are now longingly waiting for the opportunity to unite again together under one head, which is the natural aim and the coveted glory of the very Interchurch World Movement.

When we in a following chapter discuss the Anti-Christ, we can not fail to realize the significance of the idea of the One Head.

THE DRY WORLD MOVEMENT.

Isaiah beholding the heathens devastating countries and cities, and noticing the consequences saw, in his day, a wineless and mirthless time. With a brush glowing with colors he paints in that story, written in Isaiah 24 the first ten verses the prophetic history of the horrid European conflict with its ravished countries and cities, which now, with almost the rest of the world cry loudly for wine which flood is stopped where it once so freely ran. Do not we to day ask with Isaiah, Is there not a crying for wine in the streets? And who, we ask, who is responsible for this sudden stop? and why, why all these prohibition-laws all over creation?

Did not the war kill the "vodka" of Russia? Is not the war, with its degenerating effects the cause of laws which forbid the use of wine which is not prohibited by God?

The prophet Amos living 2800 years ago saw in "the kine of Bashan" (drinking adulterers) this class of people rule the world. With all of the prohibition laws in effect and governing all; the question might be raised;—Is this condition now eliminated?

Of all the acts of puny man to save self and the world; it might be granted that the "Dry Movement" is his best achievement, and at the same time one of his poorest. It is his poorest, because it nullifies the ordinances of the most acurate and liberal law-giver. It is his noblest deed, for he puts himself in fetters, where no fetters should and yet must be.

It stands to reason that mankind, missing the true light of Scripture, and finding itself engaged to control the uncontrollable, lauds himself very much for the miracles he thinks he has wrought.

I have already referred to the opinion of a lawyer, sabbath school superintendent, who saw in the dry movement the golden gates of paradise reopened, or as a Montana clergyman stated it, the rebirth of the world, preaching from St. John 3:3.

Seemingly this is the fixed idea of the church in general in regard to this world wide movement, and yet, I think, it takes quite some audacity to even mark this elaborate work of man as a "moral-improvement."

The church, without even delving into the roots of this boisterous movement, acknowledges it, in good faith; as a heavenly bent and sent impetus calculated to improve the spirit of man. The church being satisfied with an untried and very indefinite appearance rocks herself to sleep in the cradle of self-esteem. Indeed, the stand of the church over against this wonderful Dry Movement is a remarkable prove of the truth of Christ's words spoken in the parable of the ten sleeping virgins.

THE RIGHTEOUS WAR.

Jesus in Mathew 24 speaking of the last days of Jerusalem, alludes in the seventh verse to the last days of the world. In this

verse he beholds nation against nation and people against people. Was ever prophecy fulfilled, surely this prophecy came to pass in our day, days without love, without devotion, and full of envy and bitterness, hatred and strife. The war, just fought, and yet burning in many countries, clutched nearly all peoples in its ugly claws, and strangled with its unhuman paws the other nations which did not fling themselves pell mell in this European caldron of hell hatred. Yet the church, with tearful eyes I say it, demurred against this clear defined prophecy. Jesus saw the unhuman struggle, the wholesale slaughter of the white races, and He forwarned us, but we paid no heed, and followed merciless impulses.

Daniel, six centuries before Christ, also saw this raw upheaval of the christian nations. He saw it and gave the explanation. In the 43th verse of his second chapter, speaking of the "great image," (the monarchy-vision;) he says, "the ten toes of that image are partly clay and partly iron, and although they mingled themselves with the seed of man, they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay."

Many theories might be advanced as to the meaning of the iron and the clay, but we pass them by unnoticed as not pertaining to the subject under consideration, but there is one outstanding fact which attracts our attention, and that is that the two supreme powers fighting for the control of the world are in the main of different blood, one claiming celtic and the other teutonic origin, and their respective royalties are indeed closely intermarried.

And yet, as Daniel said: they did not mix, and they never will mix, and needless to say that no League of Nations, how cunningly schemed together will ever mix these nor the other peoples into one kingdom of love, so sweetly predicted and so earnestly desired by the "Wise men of the World." No man shall ever be able to make God's word void and of no effect.

In this iron and clay situation of the now so pious world sat the church as a Queen dreaming of a golden wedding with the merry world, which at a turn of the hand leaped upon its prey as a monstrous blood-thirsthy hyena. Would she now from her exalted throne extend a balming influence for good over the inhumanity of the inhuman and untrue world? Would she? Could she? No! Why not? Because in her foolhardy sleepiness she did not even stir when strange powers hovering over her made her discard the Bible even forbidding its presence in public schools. Ever since that regrettable moment her children were fed with the poison of evolution, pantheism and humanism, which provoked a strange melody bereaving her of sense of honor, duty and obedience.

Daniel perceiving the herculan struggle brought on by the unmixable condition of the unhappy nations announces the last stage of the political world in the representation of the ten toes of that "great image;" picturing the apostacy of the religious world in the likeness

of the ten crowned horns upon his fourth beast which in due season give all their power to "the little horn" sprouting out of "democracy," making him "king supreme."

That the world to-day has reached the stage of the ten toes and the ten kings is perfectly clear, and is brilliantly shown in things political and religious. The entire christian political world is seeking a "deliverer," a man who is able to establish peace, order and equilibrium, and the religious world is planning unification of religion, a clarification of the "isms" into one great oneness, which ultimately must centralize into one system, headed by a living representative of human beings.

Being positively sure of the accuracy of our observations it is now of the utmost importance to see Daniel's "mud and iron" theory in practical operation. Revelation 18 gives the key. It is commercialism. It is the god of trade governed by the god of finance who inflamed two of the mighty nations in unreasonable rivalry culminating in the most brutal conflict, which left the earth in a complete ruin in fearful abnormalities and instability and a prey of a host of evil mischievous spirits.

Upon this topic books might be written, but we will refrain from dwelling upon this lamentable fact, rather would we in accord with our plans inquire into the position the church took regarding this Godless war, according to christian laws condemned as inhuman wholesale murder.

In order to understand the manouvres of the church it is necessary to understand that our boasted civilization is derived from and maintained by three mighty powers. These powers are: Religion, "the tree,' intellect and politics, "the branches."

In previous pages we beheld the political world as a very jealous world seeking to destroy itself by maiming and killing its very members; and we therefore consider it needless to speak of it here. The "intellectual power" manifests itself in various worlds, for instance; in the literary world, the world of science, of culture, agriculture, industry, etc., etc., but the power shows itself at its very best in the financial and commercial worlds. We saw more or less clearly how the last two named worlds were above all instrumental of bringing about the catastrophe of the world war, so we may now silently pass by this power to pay a little closer attention to the power of religion.

It is clear that the "power of religion" is the sphere of the church. Scripture reveals that a Most Gracious God laments and bewails the fact that a sinful people once offered their, God's children, to the hideous god Moloch. No one needs to think that this is a bit of information to gratify our curiosity; nor is it intended to make known unto us the sinfulness of old Israel, no, but this historical information is imparted to guide us so that we should beware and not fall into the same malicious sin.

COMMERCIALISM

Did the church heed the warning so graciously extended?

The world, at Israel's time, was filled with a myriad of strange gods, which Israel adopted, forgetting their great helper, Jehovah.

To-day, at our time, the splendid modern world abounds in a host of strange beautiful gods which are served night and day and unto which the christians bring most willingly their sacrifices and offerings. The most excellent, the most pretentious one which is most strenuously worshipped is assuredly god Mammon. This is the god whom Christ calls "The Unrighteous Mammon."

It is plentifully shown, and almost anyone understands the fact that this sinister god of the christians is solely responsible for the great European conflict. To satisfy his capricious notions the "World Politicians" applied the torch, the gun and the sword. And the church, being enlightened by Scripture, understanding the wickedness of the age, calmy and balmy called this inhuman monstrous murderous fray "A Righteous War," offering her sons upon the altar of "Unrighteous Mammon," repeating the very actions of old hypocritical God-denying Israel. Old Israel brought her human offers to god Moloch, while "New Israel" sacrifies piously her human offers to god Mammon. The "Banner of the Cross" for ages hanging in the "sanctuaries" was replaced by a "political insigna," and in this action the church determinedly repeated the history written in Psalm 74.

The church forgot her glorious Head in heaven, and to please a miserable corrupt political world swaying to and fro to the behest and glory of Mammon she had the unheard of foolishness to call the killing of brothers, the homicide of the white race, "Righteous."

Is this not the most severe proof of "The Sleepiness of the Church?"

The church, according to her picture drawn by Jesus in the Book of Revelation has now almost reached the end of the last stage of apostacy. It is generally conceded by church authorities that the church, proceeding from the exalted stage of "Ephesus" has since degenerated until to-day we find her in the likeness of the church of "Laodicea."

According to Revelation 3:14-19 this church is wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked, and yet she vainly imagines herself to be rich and in want of nothing.

On account of this pitiful condition her heavenly Lord utters the fearful words "I will spew you out of my mouth," because, concerning Him and His cause; she is hot nor cold. Because her heart goes out after the lusts of the sinful eye and after the shining things of the "fast fleeting" Modern World, rather than after the spiritual glory of her heavenly Redeemer.

Revelation 18, reveals the ultimate end and the consequent results of this unwarranted condition and draws her as the "wicked city of Babylon." This city of confusion is represented as fallen, fallen from her once apparently glorious estate into a "habitation of devils, a hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." Furthermore the chapter sums up her foul "Fornication," her delicious living, living as a "queen" which is followed by her doom, death, famine, fire and destruction, of which her lover, the sinful world is the sorrowful witness.

Men are not able to draw such an accurate, such a very representative picture. Men, dead in sin cannot fully comprehend the ugliness of the untenable situation. Is the church able to realize her miserable condition? Is not she rather satisfied with things the way they are, and does she not fling this picture far away from her, claiming it refers more or less to future as yet unborn ages? Does not she, in her reaching out for the glowing things of the modern world, fitly represents the man in the wilderness who is extremely happy and content with running after a "mirage?"

Do you think it possible that God made a mistake and drew a wrong misleading picture, and is trying to scare the church with a strange tale?

Look and behold for yourself.

As it seems to me, the prophetic history of these two chapters besides many other utterances in Scripture fit us and our day to a "T." The evidence is clear, well defined, and very convincing.

We have more than once said, or alluded to that the church has lost God's own Word. And, what wisdom can she have? The sleeping church allowed strangers to take the Bible from their schools, replacing the book of wisdom, by the debasing teachings of evolution, pantheism and humanism. The church, now using the scriptures for its own dictations and misconceptions and misgivings, in imitation of her friend, the modern world, finds numerous inventions with which she hopes to better the world.

To enumerate a few of these inventions the following will suffice: Science, Socialism, Politics, Democracy, Paperism, Budget system, Million Dollar Funds, etc., etc. The simple Bible calls these things with their parents, evolution, pantheism and humanism, devils, foul spirits and unclean birds, notwithstanding which the church is very pious and regards these strange things indeed very tenderly.

Yes, these wonderful things are now indeed the hobies of the clergy, and although they are nothing else but pure worldly affairs, they simply make them just as pious as they are by putting Christ's name, as a handle, in front of their wonderful inventions. These things, and many besides them; are summed up and called in Scripture: "Commercialism." And this, commercialism, is the marriage-tie uniting the dreaming church with the pious world.

It is not necessary to go into detail. Any one meditating upon the enumerated items will readily be induced to grant that they have nothing in common with the "spiritual kingdom of God," of which Christ speaks, and of which He is the establshed King. "The christian must be the salt of the earth, that does not mean that he must become *THE EARTH*. He also must be, the light upon a candlestick, which means not that he must become *THE CANDLESTICK*. He must be the city upon the mountain which does not mean that he must become *THE MOUNTAIN*.

The church, as we have shown, sits as a queen, in want of nothing, being very rich indeed. Jesus says: "I have not where to lie my head." And, Paul nor any other apostle ever preached a *DOLLAR SERMON*, as is very evident in the following quotations of Scripture, namely: Acts 20:33, 2 Cor. 12 verses 14 to 16 inclusive and many other places. The church of that period, poor as to the world, but rich in God, is changed into a church poor as to God, but rich as to the world. She is now turned backward and lives again as she lived during the prophetic ages, as is plainly shown in her appearance and in her actions which correspond with the action of these ages, as is written in Micah 3:11, Ezekiel 22:26 to 31, Isaiah 28:8, 10, 15, 20, Colossians 3:2, James 1:27, and chapter 4:4. Jude 16, Math 24:15 and 2 Timothy 3:1 to 7, and many other corresponding proofs of total collapse and utter delinquency.

Sure, the signs of the times are plenteous round about us, and no sign speaks louder than the sign of the "sleeping church," which was warned by Jesus, and by Him directed to watch, watch!

DEMOCRACY.

Three hundred years ago, the pilgrim fathers, after a sojourn of 13 years in Holland, landed at Plymouth, and called this broad and good country theirs, considering it the land of freedom and liberty, for here, as no where else were they able to serve God according to the diction of Scripture and their conscience.

As soon as possible they established schools with the bible, and elected out of their midst capable men who were also known on account of their piety. Their laws were laws in full accord with Scripture, and their religious needs were attended to by pastors guided by the Holy Spirit. This was the beginning of the great American Republic. Humble, pious, righteous, just.

We, their sons, delight in bringing this elegant picture before our mind, but, can we, as mighty as we are now find ourselves in it? Have we not departed from their ways? Can we even trace an inkling of semblance? Do not our endeavors differ widely from theirs?

Assuredly their rulers sought light and wisdom by God in difficulties besetting them. Can we say that of our rulers? Was not their government, in a great measure very like unto the govern-

ment of Moses? Was the regime of Moses a theocracy or a democracy? Was it not a theocracy? Had not their form of government more the appearance of a theocracy than of a democracy? Are we so much besides the truth when we hold that our fathers' government was a very strong imitation of theocracy? I think, any fair minded man will be able to see a mighty difference between the government of to-day and the government of our fathers' day. They in earnest felt themselves ruled by God, and ruled themselves again by and through Him, while present office holders rather incline to honor themselves, or the half plus one who elevated them to their exalted position.

Democracy is the rule of the majority. "People's rule." Democracy does not seek a king, nor would it honor a king. Democracy has nothing in common with aristocracy, they are arch enemies seeking each others dethronement, as was taught and practised and expressed in the world renowned war slogan "Make the world a safe place for democracy."

How far the great world war has succeeded politically in abolishing the kings of the earth is not a topic which I undertook to discuss, but a little closer inspection into the religious aim is worth our attention and reflection.

Democracy, as it appears hates the king and will never grant authority to a king. Is this true politically, it is also true religiously, and therefore we may as well stand amazed and aghast at the hidden intention shrewdly and lewdly embodied in its purpose. The church ought to be wide awake in regard to the hidden aim of democracy, and yet we hear her boast of a "christian democracy," allowing Christ to be eternal KING, while she, the church, is a thorough democracy. And one who is not bereft of reason will notice that the two ideas are in flagrant disharmony with each other. No, not any amount of philosophy how deftly exhibited and shrewdly arranged will ever be able to harmonize these two bitter enemies.

The "rule" of the church is in its foundation theocratic, although all strange ideas and wonderful human inventions have run riot with her true manifestation.

If anything on earth is in "God's Kingdom" for sure the church must be in it. Now that is no democracy, but a kingdom in which Christ Jesus is supreme King and Lord, and if this is true then it is impossible that the church can be a democracy, christian or otherwise.

The great war has established the fact that democracy seeks to conquer the world at large bringing it together into one supposedly solid confederation, handled by a "super government" which naturally is headed again by one supreme superman.

Seeing this idea now reaching maturity in the world program, we wonder what the bible has to say about it, if it does say anything concerning it.

Reading the 28th chapter of Isaiah our attention is particularly drawn to verses 15, 18, 19 and 20 which relate the story of Israel's confederacy with Egypt, in which "covenant" Israel totally denied Jehovah. The results of this madness are clearly pictured before our attention, and vividly expressed in the statement that "the bed was shorter than the man." In this dark colored picture looms the beautiful "peace palace at the Hague" with its destroying-war slogan but above all the "Godless League of Nations" with its coming "overflowing scourge." Could anybody draw the lines of present conditions better than God laid it before us? But who will believe this? The church? No, not she.

TENDENCY TO DENY TRUTH.

This League of Nations, before it becomes a grant compact, will have to change its laws and rulings to accommodate some great peoples who at the present more or less balk at this grand political scheme. It shall come, Rev. 17:12, 13, 17 and not succeed, Dan 2:43 and it shall be "crowned democracy," that is; one man shall be the recognized head of the entire confederated christian world, ruling as president, receiving honor from nominal kingdoms and republics, Rev 17:12, 13, 17. In a preceding chapter we have quoted the seven names wherewith Scripture identifies the "superman" of the world.

And how does the church act overagainst this coming man whose preparations are so clearly manifest in our days of recognized instability? Exactly as the church did at the time of Antiochus Epiphanus, type of Anti-Christ, opening the gates of Jerusalem for his treacherous assault.

Isaiah laments and bewails the fact that Israel lost the true knowledge of Jehovah, serving idols, playing the harlot living in intercourse with her enemies, the heathen people round about her.

Old Israel is the very example of New Israel, and carnal Israel is the representation of spiritual Israel. Did carnal Israel want none of the in "flesh" appearing Christ; neither does spiritual Israel want anything of the spiritually revealed Christ. Old Israel did not recognize the Christ, and New Israel has also failed miserably to identify Him. Was carnal Israel exceptionally over-pious, spiritual Israel also shines in extra-ordinary piousness. Did old Israel bow for heathen and "home" made gods; New Israel overreaches itself in honoring hordes of strange gods.

Scripture states very plainly that the false priesthood beguiled Israel, leading it astray. God has also very plainly spoken and revealed unto us that spiritual Israel is beguiled, and led astray by men who call themselves servants of the living God, and who are in reality, and do embody the false priests of whom Christ speaks,

when He says: "Many shall say: Here is the Christ, or there is the Christ, believe thou them not." They are the seducers, the lying spirits. No book of the Bible speaks so plain about the lying and the denying spirits as the book of Revelation.

Reading Rev. 16:12-16, we notice what happens under the "sixth" vial, which corresponds exactly with Rev. 9:13-21, "the sixth trumpet" with the effect of Rev. 13:16.

Rev. 16:12-16 calls our attention to an angel pouring his "vial" upon the great river Euphrates, which becomes dried up leaving a passage for the kings of the east. This river represents "the stream of life *"GOD'S WORD,"* which becomes dried up, an expression for "worthless," simply illustrating that the church and the world will pay no attention to Scripture, and that they both will sink into un- and disbelief, (which is assuredly a most accurate picture of our present God-denying days.) Now, because the christians, so called, discard God, He also discards them and lets them, as the white races murder each other, which naturally paves the way for the combined yellow races to conquer their territory, being later on gathered to battle even against God Himself.

As plain as Scripture reveals this to whomsoever God grants "open" eyes, so stark-dark is the same Scripture to a very pious but very unrighteous world and to a very sleepy and very materialistic church. This very idea is gloomingly set forth in the 13th verse of the same 16th chapter, for we read: "three unclean spirits, like frogs, came out of the mouth of the dragon, (satan) out of the mouth of the beast, (Political State), and out of the mouth of the false prophet, (false church system, "Anti-Christ"). These spirits are the spirits of devils, lying spirits. The spirit out of the mouth of the dragon informs the people that they shall rule in the place of God. (Humanism). The spirit out of the mouth of the beast, pours so balmingly into the ears of the dull, easily misled, carnally minded people that they shall be happy in an everlasting peace brought about by an all powerful, most excellent and glorious "League of Nations," established in a most gracious and pretentious "democracy." The spirit out of the mouth of the false prophet, proclaims the actions of a world dead in sin and in crime led on by "the man murderer" into a frantic wholesale slaughter, as very "righteous," indeed.

As said, neither one, the church nor the world, will believe Scripture, even when their own eyes behold these things becoming history, for these three mentioned spirits have completely deluded them in regard to the reality. The church, which ought to heed the words of her heavenly Head, is absolutely opposed to the belief that Jesus in Mathew 24:7 spake of this inhuman struggle, the world war. She offers the excuse that Christ merely alludes in this verse to "wars and rumor of wars."

Therefore, when these lying spirits prepare the church and the world, man and beast, hell and heaven against the battle of that great day of God Almighty, spoken of in Rev. 16:14 and depicted in Rev. 19:17-21, then the church will perceive the "Righteous Judge" coming as a "thief in the night" Rev. 16:15, which is proof that the church is not prepared to meet her Lord and Master, although He continually admonishes her to watch, watch!

Jesus, when with "His people" complained to them that they could not read "the signs of the times." History repeats itself. Was that severe word of Christ true at the time He personally dwelled in the midst of His church, sorry to acknowledge it, but it is just as true to-day, yes hundredfold more true than at that time. At Jesus' time there were Anna's and Simeon's in the temple, and assuredly so shall it be at His approaching return.

God grant the reader and the writer the glory to be with these Anna's and Simeon's. But to-day we lament the fact that the church is indeed very soundly asleep.

CHAPTER SEVEN

A Very Learned World.

For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. 2 Peter 2:18.

How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. Jude 18.

And when they heard these sayings, they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying Great is Diana of the Ephesians. Acts 19:28.

And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws. Daniel 7:25.

But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. Dan 12:4.

For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. Habakkuk 2:14.

Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. 2 Thessalonian 2:4.

I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Isaiah 14:14.

And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. Rev 13:13.

These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. Rev. 17:13.

It is to-day explained that prophecy can be understood only when it is fulfilled. This sounds very plausable and is therefore considered, the truth, but fact is, it is a "lullaby" which puts the church to sleep. The doctrine preached from the pulpit, that we can not understand the old prophets, nor comprehend intelligently Revelation is a nefarious lie founded by the father of the LIE. True, we

cannot grasp the finest details; but as to the general meaning God Himself reveals to us that in the latter days "many shall run to and fro" and "knowledge shall be increased," the very words God speaks to Daniel when He says: "But thou O Daniel, shut up "THE WORDS," and "SEAL" the book, which simply means, according to my view: that not a "t" should be left uncrossed, nor an "i" undotted, and that the wise should beforehand understand and see by his "directions" as clear as he did, yea even better for God says to Daniel also: "But the "WISE" shall understand, even, "the times of the end" "dark" and closed to thee although thou sawest it. Dan 12:4, 10, 8 and 9.

Jesus Himself complains to His people of His people, for they (like the people of to-day) did not understand the signs of the times, for they were not WISE, but "wicked" who, none of them, shall understand. Dan 12:10. Thanks to our God, there are to-day some Simeon's and Anna's left in the temple, and they are the Wise, even tho the "learned world" does not consider them so.

Jesus said to His church, Watch. Watch! But how shall we watch when "the learned" world preaches: "You cannot understand, YOU can NOT SEE

I do not wish to say or even to suppose that we are able to comprehend all things in detail. To-day, more than ever before, we see prophecy going into history, and the magnificance of the thing is for the WISE of such a significant order that he is wondering extremely at the fearful signs of the times.

Among the many signs of the times the sleeping church and the pious world, both so extraordinary learned, are conspicuous.

In a previous chapter we have spoken about the "pious" world, and now we intend to call your attention for a few moments to the "Learned World."

Knowledge is manifested in two different spheres: Religion and Intellect. The culmination of intellect is: Humanism, climbing above the clouds upon the throne of God. And the indeed religious sentiment is beautifully expressed in the words of St. Peter: "Thou art the Christ the Son of the living God." The one honors man, the other God.

Now the true religious men are God's blessed people, and among them you find the Wise on whose account the days of tribulation shall be shortened. These are the persecuted ones, the "pariah's" of the church and of the world. They do not belong to the great and the pretentious of the world, they are the despised, the neglected the unconsidered ones, men without glory, very insignificant, strangers in church and in the world. Notwithstanding which they are the wise, the prudent, but their wisdom and knowledge is of no avail, of no account anywhere. They understand the "Signs of the times," but like their Master because of this they are not wanted but derided, and no matter how much and how long they may holler; they cannot arouse the church out of its sinful drowsiness.

It is not our intention to stand still by this deplorable condition, which is already discussed in previous chapters, but we do intend to say a few things in regard to "intellectualism" as it appears in the realm of "The Learned World."

Assuredly, the "Modern World" possesses a grand total of conspicuous "beings" (minds) who render it great and magnificent. Out of all these various beings, bewildering as they are in their brightness, not one has reached such an unmeasurable altitude as "intellect" which annunciates itself as the queen of the universe.

The world of intellect might be divided into two branches. The most conspicuous and brilliant branch reveals itself in materialism, while the other, in a softer light shows its splendid grandeur in the more guarded and deeper spiritual atmosphere. The one seeks the glitter of the world trying to hold it all in one hand, and the other deliberately attempts to conquer the spiritual world.

More or less broad we have discussed the materialistic inclination of the modern world and do not judge it expedient to say more here, and therefore we will see what the other branch offers us as a topic of discussion.

This branch of knowledge, in which the spirit is actually engaged to harvest wisdom, which "gladdens" the soul, the inward man more than the outward man; might be seen sprouting out into smaller branches and twigs. Remember however that either branch or twig; it must show its lustre into the "outer" world, otherwise it would be considered dead.

To enumerate a few of these branches which are rooted in the great branch of intellect, the following will suffice: Philosophy, Science, Culture, Higher Criticism, Theology, and others.

In these branches man tries to comprehend God, self and nature. Needless to say, he also shall vainly imagine to reach his coveted goal, at which time he shall declare: "I am God." Who can stand before me? God gave man at least six thousand years to again find what he so pitifully lost in Eden. If we now, at the end of the ages, look round about us we find that man thinks he has almost reached his goal, being able to make peace with a consolidation of men who completely ignore God, instituting themselves in the place of God.

But let us pay a little closer attention to these branches. The first branch which invites our observation is: Philosophy.

What is philosophy? It is an attempt to comprehend the incomprehensible. A forcing into something which cannot be fathomed. A reaching after the unapproachable. Where is philosophy recognized? In the unreal, in the vain imagination, in the mist of beautiful mingled colors. What is its aim? Uncovering the wisdom of God! Shall it be successful? Yes, at least so considered by itself and its friends. Does the Bible speak with terms of philosophy? No. Why not? Because God does not need philosophy to identify

or explain His being. Was Christ a philosopher? Incontrovertible. No! Can a christian be a philosopher? No, never! Why not? Because it is a very keen knife in the hands of shrewd men who skillfully use it to cut the meat from the bone, preserving the meat in unsound recesses, throwing the dried bones to the people.

The Bible does not honor philosophy but acknowledges it upon its pages. Satan, the great philosopher, appealing to innocent mankind in Paradise said: "Your eyes shall be opened and ye shall be as gods." The fall was the consequence of this bit of philosophy. Since then men became philosophers, and after a period of 6000 years of philosophy; we hear him upon the last pages of Scripture say: "Who is able to make war with him?" Rev 13:4. Is man now nearer his goal than at his first attempt to be as GOD? He says: O yes: The world is growing better day by day. This growing better is nicely expressed in the following poetry by Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox:

If you glance at history's pages
In all lands and eras known;
You will find the vanished ages
Far more wicked than our own.
As you scan each word and letter,
You will realize it more
That the world to-day is better
Than it ever was before.

But the spirit of error manifest in philosophy which edifies man is nowhere shown plainer than in the Godless song of "Man" which giveth full tribute to the "Modern World." This Satan's creed of the Deity of man, is a production of the Harvard University in a poet of the class of 1908. We only quote a few lines of one of the verses. "O holy spirit—O heart of man:. . . . .No god for a gift, God gave us, Mankind alone must save us."

This horrid lie is unadulterated philosophy, which is the soul of Humanism, pure and simple.

Science might be divided into two distinct parts. The one seeking the material, and the other denying the very existence of the material. The last one calls itself "Christian Science." This "movement" with its sister "Spiritualism" dwells in the religious sphere. Christian Science is conceived in hell and delivered upon the earth by a divorced woman. Satan, for reasons best known to himself prefers to use women rather than men to reach his end which is also significantly shown in Spiritualism. The weaker sex was the medium which he used in Paradise, and never forgetting his first successful attempt to seduce men; he uses her throughout the ages. following the same course and usually with the same successful results.

Christian Science, brought upon the earth by a woman, denies the material, and our own material body, to have an excuse for denying Christ, whom it professes by using His glorious name as a part of the name of this hell concocted lie, and according to St. Peter, this Christ denying christian science is a sign of the times, and an identification mark of Anti-Christ, and anti-christian doctrine and spirit. After Mrs. Eddy has done away with the living body of Christ, she denies the spirit of Christ by elevating her queer invention a book called, "The Key of Scriptures" above the Word of God, defrauding it out of all its healing elements by applying her own lies and her own explanations calculated to mislead miserable, sinful and unbelieving man.

Spiritualism tries to unfold before the eyes of man what cannot be disclosed, connecting the real with the unreal, the living with the dead, and the dead with the living. This ghastly practise was indulged in by the heathens, but God strongly prohibited old Israel to pay any attention whatsoever to debasing influences of evil spirits. God condemns any and all unlawful connections with sinister evil spirits, and yet, understanding the godlessness of the last days, He informs His people that in these days strange, inhuman scandalous intercources with devils and evil spirits shall be practised by them who boast of a christian civilization. And is this horrid and wicked intercourse with evil spirits not in evidence in every hamlet, village and city of the entire globe? Man may esteem such unsanctified notions and inventions learned, God promises that He shall seek such things, awarding the practisers the just judgment of a Sodom and Gomorra-Culture.

Culture is the progressive movement of improving the human mind, intending to perfect it, elevating man and his environment. The human mind is capable of developing along certain lines unto a certain limit. All minds are not alike. Some seek improvements in the moral, some in the intellectual, and some in the religious conditions of men. It is self-evident that our consideration constricts us to intellectual conditions.

With the intellect the human mind grasps, or tries to grasp, what passes before it. The human mind does not know God, cannot find Him, and could never comprehend Him, Who created it. Not being able, nor willing to acknowledge the exalted glory of the Most High, it builds and erects for itself imaginary heavens, which it fills with human made torches, declaring and unfolding to the unaware that these torches are the true and original lamps which illuminate the pathway of glorious mankind. This explains why even so called "religious" journals adhere to the theory that culture seeks God, in opposition to the avowed doctrine of the old, and now dis-

carded fathers. Culture does not seek God but self. No greater proof for this statement than the great world war, which scattered the evidence throughout vain France, where the canon leveled the proud glories raised by culture and again demolished by culture, applied from a different quarter. Culture seeks self, and therefore, the superman will be its realization. Culture, needless to say, will brag and boast of an improving world which from the outset is nothing but a contemptible falsehood, calculated to deceive "the Learned World."

Higher criticism is a branch of the tree of Philosophy. It is the living foolishness of men personified. It is the folly of men which have set up themselves to judge God. They take the unwarranted liberty to dispute with God, undertaking the responsibility to correct Gods revealed truth, replacing it entirely, or improving it partly with their stunted errors, which they consider indisputable proofs of wisdom. They not believing the act of creation, do explain the wonderful existence of the universe by the atom and sell with their theory their own glorious being as by-products of monkeys. They, being seduced by the father of the lie catalogue the miracles of the prophets and of Christ as mere natural causes of nature, or in case a miracle cannot be explained away by this rule, they simply classify it among the "nice stories" or cunningly framed lies.

Theology seeks to understand the relation between God and man, and the relation of God to the universe. As in the days of Elijah and Elisha theology is taught and studied in schools, colleges and universities. An uneducated christian believing the Scriptures, more or less perceiving the greatness of God in His manifold manifestations, but not attending a school of learning is not considered a theologian even tho he may grasp the vastness of Gods attributes better than a theologian. Theologians are those who teach or learn in a school of wisdom regardless whether they believe in God, have faith in Him, or do deny and despise Him and hate Him with a complete hatred.

The doctrine of theology can be divided into five branches, namely, Cosmological, Anthological, Telelogical, Moral and Historical. Theology, it seems to me, instructs the student along the lines of scholarly and speculative forms. Theology moves in the higher spheres of spiritual life, trying to comprehend the "Supreme Being" as much as possible, imparting the gathered knowledge to the spiritual minded, improving and benefitting them, and therefore, theology is divine, and the practisers, after a course of successful study become the ministers of the gospel and are also called "divines."

No doubt but theology is divine; and an inquirer after God. Theologians also are divine striving to comprehend God and His work, but the question might be asked, how many do actually find God? And how many theological schools, colleges and universities do recognize the God Whom they pretend to seek? How many pulpits do yet glory in theology of which the living God is the center? The writer, worshipping in the sanctuaries was many a time overpowered by the not so pleasant thought expressed in "Virdii Divine Minister non scholea sed vitae discimus." (We do not learn for the school but for life).

Looking over the "pious" world to-day absorbed in learning and wisdom, and swaying to and fro, so ambitious and yet so miserable at a loss concerning its own affairs, or political and social conditions, we are not surprised at all with our observations, for we behold the source of wisdom and the spring of learning poisoned by a doctrine of evil spirits which conquer the theological schools, colleges and universities. It is not God any more Who is sought in these springs of wisdom and wells of culture, but it is puny man who is sought, who is found, who is raised upon the shaky pedestal of vain glory and crowned with the unholy halo of glistering dirt. Is there to-day yet a theological school in the land which centers its teachings around a poor miserable sinner and a rich Christ? Is there to-day yet one school which is not enstrangled in the snares of hell founded "humanism?"

And yet these schools, colleges and universities boast in their glory, in their wisdom, and in their intellectual misconceptions, and their professors and doctors boast of their Godliness and at the same time detest the humble brother who does not fall for their trickery.

Real theology makes the real theologian humble. It is impossible to be otherwise. With a few exceptions to-day we find the theologians a very cold blooded, a heartless and a very proud class of men.

I do not dispute the fact that theology is seeking. Yes it seeks. It scrutinizes the mountain of Palestine, as in the days of Elijah and Elisha. It seeks! Strong men are out, seeking in one accord the body of Elijah,—which they shall never find.

Yes for sure. The great wise king Solomon understood things to perfection, and upon the utmost peak of his God given wisdom; he proclaims: Lo; this have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions. Ecclesiastes 7:29 and it seems to me in our days they have found the brightest of their inventions, for what is as bright as Humanism?

It is very plain the learned world has discarded God's word, and God Himself inquires, "What wisdom can they have?"

CHAPTER EIGHT

A World With A Dual-God.

And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast; and they worshipped the beast, saying: Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? Rev 13:4.

So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness; and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman which thou sawest is that great city which reigneth over the kings of the earth. · Rev 17:3, 18.

Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision. Phillippians 3:2.

Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made; And the mean man boweth down and the great man humbleth himself, therefore forgive them not. Isaiah 2:8, 9.

As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. Isaiah 3:12.

Proclaim ye this amoung the gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up. Joel 3:9.

And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie. 2 Thessalonians 2:11.

In previous chapters we beheld the modern world as being indeed very beautiful, very materialistic, very pious and very learned. Such a world is reasonably under the direction, supervision and guidance of a generally recognized supreme ruler, honored and exalted everywhere.

Throughout the vanished ages this god of the "Modern World" has been worshipped, but the oblations offered him cannot be compared with the sacrifices extended him in the age in which we live, the age which is unexcelled in glorifying the diety made by men and set up by them in the temples of their Christless christian civilization. No there is no god like unto Mammon.' No there is no god like him in the entire heavens of this so wondrous and marvelous modern world created to the glory of extremely inventiveness mankind.

No god like unto god Mammon. At his bidding the god of war, (Thor) thunders forth with his colossal hammer smashing the pillars of honor which mankind had deftly erected to its own corrupted glory. At the calling of god Mammon the god of trade (Hermes) sets fire to the gathered crops, destroying the food of the poor, plunging the poor world into the tribulations of hunger and pestilence. At his persuasion the great world-politicians corrupt themselves in the secret chambers of diplomacy, conniving at each other's duplicity, covetously dividing contemplated spoil. Before god Mammon bows politics, sways intellectualism and humbles religion. Upon his golden throne he rules with a golden scepter the earth from its uttermost extremity to the furthermost limits thereof. No, there is no god like unto him under the canopy of the glorious heavens.

This most beautiful but extremely cold and loveless god steers his goldbedecked vehicle along different pathways and avenues of traffic. Here he travels along the lustrous highways of finance, there he wallows in the avenues of trade, and yonder he steals the heart of the earth, burning and melting it in the fires of industry, converting it into a harvest of gold. At other places he is pre-occupied with sowing jealousy, hatred and malice. Here again he is busily engaged in transporting the "lie" into the illuminous carriage of the "truth" and yonder he apprehends the crown of religion distorting it with his sacrilegious hands into a helmet with which he seeks to cover his own head intending thereby to translate himself into an angel of light.

This is the plain portrait of the god of the "Modern World." This god has conquered the world, which to-day especially dares to call itself christian and civilized.

For this god kneels the rich and the poor also brings him homage. This is the god honored by the irreligious, by the Goddeniers, by the scoffers, by the sacrilegious, by the vandals, by the vampires, by the ungodly, by the haters of God, by the soul destroyers, by the wicked, by the liars and by the demoralizers, and for this god kneels the hypocrite, the pharisee, the seemingly pious in the temple, the putup clergy, and the unsuspecting layman, the business man and the church goer. Yes indeed, god Mammon is the god of the Modern World, and no other god of the plural gods of the modern world is like unto this god in cunning and in duplicity.

CHAPTER NINE

The World Ruled by God Mammom.

This I know also that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, despisers of those that are good, traitors, lovers of pleasures more than of God, having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof:—But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse. 2 Timothy 3:1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 13.

But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. 2 Peter 2:10.

Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten. Your gold and silver is cankered, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasures together for the last days, behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields which is of you kept back with fraud, cried, Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in the day of slaughter, ye have condemned and killed the just. James 5:1-6.

Hear this word, ye kine of Bashan, that are in the mountain of Samaria which oppress the poor, which crush the needy, which say to their masters, Bring, and let us drink. Amos 4:1.

They have cast fire into thy sanctuary, they have defiled by casting down the dwelling place of thy name to the ground. Psalm 74:7.

Riches profit not in the day of wrath; but righteousness delivereth from death. Proverbs 11:4.

All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house. Isaiah 14:18.

Howl ye ships of Tarshish; for your strength is laid waste. Isaiah 23:14.

Jesus calls this god of the "modern world," god Mammon, unrighteous. He must have most accurately based His assertion upon circumstancial evidence gathered during His cross country journeys. No doubt, but rumors of the ugly practice of this god must have reached Him as well, and we can grant Him a masterly knowledge of the history of the world, which includes a complete understanding of the overawing sway of god Mammon.

I do not think it possible that any person would try to contradict this most accursing testimony. Yes, indeed; Mammon is the "unrighteous god," and Scripture is very correct when it says: "The love of money is the root of all evil."

That even heathen people knew of and felt this truth, before it was spoken, is manifested in the old history of the Roman democracy, for they had upon their statute books laws which prohibited the possession of more than five hundred acres by one person.

God knowing mankind to be easily corrupted by the perverting and blinding influence of riches sought to protect His own chosen people against the calamities which must befall a nation which is not restricted by just and honorable laws regarding the appropriation and hoarding of riches. Therefore Jehovah directed Moses to impress upon the minds of the people the necessity of keeping the laws of the sabbatic year, which God gave unto Israel as a system in which it was possible that the rich could ever become "over" rich, and the poor, likewise, ever become "over" poor, so that no extremely rich nor poor could be found in the dominion of Israel. No doubt, no wise law giver ever gave more just and right laws to a people than Jehovah granted His beloved Israel. The laws of the christian nations, in so far as they are just; are deduced from the good laws God gave unto Israel. Many of these laws, in various forms and wording are upon the statute books of the christian peoples, but the laws guarding the appropriation of the treasures and commodities of life are strangely absent in present statute books, which do not even reveal a trace of the existence of such laws. The non-existence of such laws as the Jewish Sabbatic year explains the prevailing conditions of extreme riches on the one hand, and extreme poverty on the other. This condition makes the modern world cold and dark and miserable on the one side, while the other side moves in a brilliantly lighted atmosphere, decked with beautiful colors, feeding their never satisfied appetites with the fruits of the labor of the by them wrecked and not recognized poor, provoking them to jealousy, anger, and to a hardly governable attitude of seeking vengeance for the unrighteousness done unto them.

Even among God's own people, endowed with such gracious laws, we find instances of injustice practised by the usurping rich, who defrauded the comparatively poor out of its own inherited possessions, thereby debasing themselves, receiving in due time the curse meted out to them for their wicked extortions and transgressions. If God then visited such disregarders of His laws, does it not stand to reason that He also will visit those nations who disrespect His laws and are hoarders of exorbitant wealth and oppressors of the poor and needy?

If the so-called christian nations had been wise, they would have copied the so well founded laws of the sabbatic year, saving them-

selves an overflow of trouble and the sure coming wrath of God. Under protection of these laws the laying up of unheard treasures would have been impossible, and the consequent defrauding of the poor out of their honest wages could never be accomplished, and never would the seat of government be transferred to the sinister power of unrighteous Mammon, as is to-day the fact perhaps in all christian civilized nations.

Because Mammon sways his scepter over the entire world, revolution sweeps over the one country, another country is in the throes and pangs and fears of socialism, again another country shakes like a leaf on account of the unstableness of social conditions, while another country holds its hands above its head trembling for the rumors of bolsheviki fast gaining field. All these evils can be laid at the door of Mammon and therefore Scripture is perfectly right in assuming that the love of money is the root of all evil.

The true students of to-day and of the history of the world must admit the truthfulness of the above. It behooves us to cast only one glance in the history of Germany with its Yonkerdom trailing throughout the ages usurping the rights and the profits of the producing class, to be convinced that Mammon assuredly is a very hard master. Read the history of any nation, christian or otherwise, and the student will soon be aware of the fact that the unjust accumulation of riches works and produces havoc and disaster to the very nation tolerating this ungenerous practice.

The heaping up of capital can be traced from the building of the wonderful tower of Babel, which means so much and points to so much. Scripture reveals the wickedness of this practice in Israel as well as in heathen countries, and prophets and apostles saw in it an element, which, thru its evil influences was bound to inflame the whole earth hastening it toward its ultimate doom, for unrighteous Mammon refuses to recognize the just God, and therefore the unlimited accumulation of riches is the cause of intense suffering, degenerated poverty, unspeakable sickness, socialism, bolsheviki, anarchy, death and hell, not alone for the masses, but for the classes as well. James 5:1 to 6.

The gathering of immense treasures was always a sinister evil born with a tendency to become worse and worse as the ages passed by. No age ever witnessed the unprecedented heaping up of riches as our day, the glorious day of the "modern world." The great European conflict born of jealousy and an unpardonable love for greatness, fanned by the International Banking Corporation, practising in Wall Street, New York, accumulated the enormous sum of ten billion dollars, gathered thru the hatred of man, which destroyed the works of his own hand and the glory of his being. The head of the American Oil Concern is reported to have a monthly income of one million dollars. Lord Astor some time ago bought the isle

of Jura for the consideration of millions of dollars, and presented his son with the dominion of a king. These are a few of the manifold instances showing a state of affairs which must necessarily end in a time of general dissatisfaction, followed by ungovernable wrath, anger and vengeance and unutterable calamities.

That we are in the golden age of brilliant wisdom, glorious intellectualism, over-piousness, indulging in every sort of excess, congratulating each other with our happy christianity and wonderful civilization guided and directed by Mammon, is and must be clear to every one who has as yet eyes to see god Mammon sitting in his beautiful temple. For, this is the age in which God is being denied, of blasphemies, of boasting, of higher criticism, of philosophy, of evolution, pantheism, man-edification, humanism, of profiteering, of wholesale robbery, of tremendous fortunes, of starvation, of slaughtering, of consumptuous living, of debasing ingratitudes, of inflaming desires, of piousness, of recklessness, of lovelessness, of hatred, of unthankfulness, of misery, of fraud, of corruptness, of political decay, of commercial unsoundness, of social unstableness, of intellectual wickedness, of secret combinations, of God-dethroning, and of man-exaltation, and this unspeakable God provoking chaos we deftly baptize with the honorable name of "The Christian Civilized Modern World," which we foolhardily believe is getting better and better day by day. O miserable delusion: O beautiful dream: O horrid nightmare!

This so beguiled world reels and staggers as a drunken man to and fro, bewitched and stupified by the dazzling glory of god Mammon, who is a tyrant cold blooded and heartless, a tyrant who in his turn shall be demolished in the clutches of another tyrant, in all respects much worse than himself. In the next chapter we shall discuss a little of the spirit of this god.

Jesus said: "Satan is king of the world." This king introduced the Syrian god, god Mammon, into the so-called civilized world to blindfold the rulers and their subjects, the free and the bond and fired them with an unconquerable desire to possess that which does not belong to them. Needless to say this brought on wars to be followed by wars to hold what covetousness gained. God Mammon, throughout the ages has ruled with a rod of iron, torturing the one with an unquenchable thirst for gold, and the other with a lack of the necessities of life.

Satan proves that he is a very wise king. It is his business to understand "the signs of the times." He beholds in the people of to-day an educated race. They do not want the well beaten paths of Ceasars and Kings, the rule of the one any more; the rule of the majority is now the goal. Democracy is the ideal of educated people, and therefore democracy Satan is giving to them. In this democracy he suffers them to imagine that they are ruling and govern-

ing themselves, but he takes good care that the real situation is not detected nor uncovered by them, although he is unable to prevent a glimpse of what is really going on, as in the case of the great world war.

Satan is still king to-day, it is his business to deceive. And surely he does yet deceive the pious world and the sleeping church. In dethroning the kings of the earth, he also changed his seat of government. Did he in the past lead the world onward through the operations of the cruel crowned heads, to-day he sets the pace by controlling the giant financial colossusses of the world, the genius of the modern world. These great rulers, unlike the kings, govern in secret, gaining and holding their power by persuading and buying. These rulers, unlike the crowned heads, have no people, country or any God. Their only aim in life is to possess the earth and the fullness thereof. Gold, gold, gold is their god. They set nation against nation, kingdom against kingdom to gain their end. To satisfy and pacify their desires they cross rivers of human blood, they ford streams of mother tears, they climb Alps of human skeletons. These men are the merciless rulers of the modern world, who, to lighten their task of plundering, advise favorably the hell concocted scheme of "The League of Nations," or "The Federation of the Peoples." or "The Parliament of Men," of which the humanist poet laureate Tennyson sung. They think and dream such a regime the manifestation of glorified mankind on earth, paradise regained by man's own efforts, while it is simply nothing more or less than the so-called christian nations solidified in the arms of Mammon.

What the ultimate results of such a position must needs be, is easier to imagine than to unfold. We shall however attempt to disclose a bit of it, as we have history to testify to it and scripture to reveal it partly. The next chapter will speak of this situation.

CHAPTER TEN

The World To-Day in Political and Social Chaos.

And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men, but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. Daniel 2:43.

The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly. The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it, and it shall fall, and not rise again. Isaiah 24:19, 20.

Shall I count them pure with the wicked balances, and with the bag full of deceitful weights? For the rich men thereof are full of violence, and the inhabitants thereof have spoken lies, and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth. Micah 6:11, 12.

And behold, there was lifted up a talent of lead; and this is a woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah. And he said: This is wickedness. And he cast it in the midst of the ephah; and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof. Zechariah 5:7, 8.

Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever. How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who would walk after their own ungodly lusts. Jude :13, 18.

And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying: Babylon the great is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. Rev. 18:2.

For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand). Math 24:21, 15.

In preceding chapters we beheld god Mammon in complete control of the modern world. We found him holding the reigns of the political, the intellectual, yes even of the religious world. Conceding that for the present he has reached the peak of his glory, the top of

success, above which he cannot ascend; we must, for our own good, find the conditions and the effects wrought by such an abnormal heaping up of treasures, which has smashed traditions and destroyed bounds and boundaries, heretofore recognized by mankind.

The commercial world uses scales and balances for the proper and just weighing of substances sold in the market of the world. If you place a feather in one scale and an ox in the other you cannot balance your scales but the one shall go up and the other down. It seems to me this is the prevailing condition in the modern world. Upon one scale the human-weight of man has been placed and upon the other god Mammon has plunged the enormous bulk of his colossus, unbalancing the scales of society, politics and religion. The eyes of man see this as well to-day as it was perceived by the prophet Zechariah living about 500 years before Christ.

This prophet, instructed by the angel to "lift up his eyes" saw an ephah with a woman sitting in the midst thereof, who was, "cast a weight of lead upon her mouth." This ephah was said: to—"goeth forth," which is, "its resemblance would be found through all the earth." Later, we read; two women brought this ephah to "Shinar" where it should be established in a build house."

This picture, in its completeness, undoubtedly, unfolds the very condition and the very dilemna wherein the modern world of to-day is displaying its very greatness and its very instability. The "ephah" is the emblem of trade, (Commercialism.) It requires not much of a mind to see the "two women" representing politics and commerce, and the lone woman in the midst of the ephah "religion." This woman, when Zechariah saw her, had a leaden weight upon her mouth. This leaden weight is "wickedness" which is the personification of god Mammon, the unrighteous one. This particular woman with the weight upon her mouth, is the apostate church, which because of her commercialistic gains, cannot expose the wickedness of the political and commercial worlds but exalts their ungodliness and declares their "God-dethroning hell hatred" the "righteousness of God." This is what she really did when she glorified the horrid inhuman-christians-slaughtering world-war as "righteous."

Many eyes behold the condition of the scales overbalanced by god Mammon when he stepped upon one of the scales. Many perceive it, and many offer relief. The religiously inclined, and especially the educated clergy seek to rebalance the scales by very old schemes, rebaptized with new and beautiful sounding names, doctored up with the application of Christ's name in front of their bright inventions. To name a few: "Christian Political Parties," "The Christian American Daily," which was, before its was born, rebaptized; "The American Standard," discarding the Christ name. Other ministers came with, "Neo Calvinism," "New Conscience," "New Internationalism," and other philosophical and philanthropical remedies.

The intellectual minded came with socialism, christian and otherwise, with unions, reorganized government, education, disfranchisement and numeral other valuable considerations to balance the scales.

Mammon himself also came deftly to the rescue and offered the modern world the very costly scheme of—"The Interchurch World Movement."

Others again hold that the modern world can only be thoroughly modernized by bolsheviki and anarchy.

The political world came with a mighty idea to re-establish equilibrium by offering the gigantic scheme of "The League of Nations."

The reader will observe that some of these things show a tint of religious coloring, but they as well as the rest bear the earmark of man. No, not one of all the great men offering relief offered the poor modern world God, so very much needed in this strange world of ours.

Notwithstanding all these great doctors, Mammon quietly holds down the scales, disbalancing all the affairs of mankind.

This disbalancing is apt to disharmonize the three main arteries of life, represented by religion, intellect and politics.

The great war was indeed nothing but a mighty hurricane which had its origin in the high pressure of the financial and commercial atmosphere. It uproots religion. It shakes society. It disturbs politics and has the general effect of placing the modern world in a state of chaos.

Religion became puffed up, and its great pretenders roamed through the world, running to and fro as wandering stars blowing their own greatness, tying up the God of heaven in a commercialistic newspaper, making commerce the medium of the Holy Spirit, defrauding the church out of the true Christ.

Other religious men, in the name of Christ, please; came to redeem the sinful world with a so-called calvinistic army, losing sight of the fact that this particular "ism" as well as all the others forsook Christ when He needed its help the most. The same class of men have clothed the American Dollar in a beautiful religious garb of some kind, which thus appeared as an angel of light, for whom the unsuspecting crowd obediently kneeled. Did their religious leaders not assure them that in this manner they were upbuilding Gods Kingdom, while in reality they elevated some new found idol, exalting it and Mammon as commercial "saviors" of the church. Other spiritual leaders found the elixer of life in the idol called with the so sweet sounding name of "The New Conscience," or "New Internationalism" and the very holy idol "Inter Church World Movement." These men are depicted in Ezekiel 22:26, 28 and Jude likens them to "wandering stars, clouds without water." These are

those who set religion a trembling, fearing the wrath of a very jealous God, driving the true believers out of their churches, in the name of God and Calvin feeding themselves, being truly blind leaders of the blind. They are unsound and unstable in doctrine, preaching to-day this, tomorrow exactly the opposite, trying to please, feeling the way of the "majority" striving after popularity, having the name of Jesus upon their lips, but who do not walk in His ways, hindering them who are indeed seeking the Christ. Their appearance is very pious, but they hate and despise the truth, and when one speaks the truth, they maliciously slander him. A situation as described here and visible to every honest observer cannot be but very detrimental to whatsoever exists in lower strata, for truly, religion is the highest sphere of man's existence. If religion discards the truth and seeks not the living God, but is satisfied and pacified with a carload of self-made idols and images "falling out of heaven;" blowing itself hoarse in crying "Great is the Diana of; ? then, I think, it is only fair to presume and acknowledge that all the other realms are absolutely without base and foundation.

The intellectual world which consists of and includes almost all other worlds as the financial, the industrial, the commercial as well as the worlds of pleasures, of recreation, of learning and of schooling, etc., etc., represents the social world in its entirity. And how do we find this great and magnificent modern world to-day illuminated with the bright stars and suns already mentioned? The financial world, no matter how bright, is dark indeed. The heaped up treasures have lowered valuations. The mighty dollar has lost almost three quarters of its purchase power, which is for the present balanced by a liberal distribution, which at any time may be stopped.

The industrial world is, as a matter of course, suffering from the instability predominant in financial circles, wringling and wrangling over "over inflated conditions of securities." Industry and commerce had and used the opportunities to gain piles of money by the extraordinary world conditions and artificially raising of heretofore established standards. The great war hogs made fabulous sums of money by unscrupulous and questionable practises and induced others to follow suit. Labor in general did not suffer, but acted as it was taught "to get while the getting was good," which was followed in the worlds of pleasure, recreation, learning and schooling, which now also begin to feel a tendency of falling, perhaps, into the opposite extremities.

The unheard of accumulation of capital was indeed very much responsible for the temptation to christian nations to murder and annihilate each other. This abnormal greed was plentifully fed during the great war but not satisfied, and therefore even to-day it stretches forth unholy hands which are very desirous to seize what it has so far missed. This is one, and perhaps the great cause that sets the whole system atrembling. This gathering of coveted riches

uproots the laws of God and sets at naught the statutes of mankind. This great sin of accumulation produces a dissatisfied mind and soul, and is the besetting sin of the poor as well as of the rich. This sin makes the rich harsh, cruel and unrighteous, while it provokes the poor man to anger and wrath, which seeks to revenge itself in strikes, riots and other unlawful actions. The modern world to-day is wound up in dissatisfaction. The rich are dissatisfied because they do not control all and everything. The poor are dissatisfied because they do not control the rich, and all agree in this, that they are seeking their own without consulting God or even remembering Him.

This very unfortunate condition controlling rich and poor, employer and employee is not likely to improve by the passing of the days. This unredeemable chaos in the modern world will never find the so earnestly wished for solution. It is simply impossible. It can never be accomplished with the present footing upon which the delicate fabric of man's ambition is reared. The entire frame-up of the glorious appearing modern world is absolutely void of the essence of life, which consists in the knowledge of the true God, Creator of heaven and earth. The base and foundation of the modern world to-day rest upon the shallow and hollow opinions of mere insignificant man. He shall seek his own salvation. He does not need God, nor does he care for Him. He is self-sufficient. He shall establish "Man's Kingdom." He shall climb in the highest heavens intent to dethrone God. The man-made perfection of the modern world is nothing but a dried up eggshell which at any moment might be blown to pieces.

In these few lines we have attempted to draw a more or less clear picture of the conditions prevailing in the so much boasted of religious and social spheres of the glorious modern world, which are just as void of stability as the world of politics which now requires our attention and which we shall find as much in chaos, and perhaps even more so than the ones we have just discussed.

If anything beneath the heavens is in agitation, in turmoil and in chaos, it is the political world.

Daniel, the prophet, gives a pretty accurate description of present conditions, when he, relating the political image seen by king Nebuchadnezar, informs us that the ten toes are made up of loam and iron, substances representing weak and strong conditions, which do not mix notwithstanding the streneous efforts of mankind to perform this much desired unification.

Behold the nations of the world, running to and fro, now murdering each other, and to-morrow directed by better impulses seeking each other's friendship, overthrowing it again as soon as it has been gained, deliberately viciously flying at each others throats as so many wild beasts.

Behold, while writing, the great leaders, the kings of the modern world, as so many friends and enemies in congress together at Geneva in an endeavor to solder and cement the loam and the iron together into one solid mass! Of what?

The president of the American nation upon "greetings" from yonder sent the following message to the "honorable assembly:" which we copy from the Herald-American Examiner of November 18th, 1920:

> WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—President Wilson today sent the following message to the assembly of the league of nations:
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> "Hon. Paul Hymans, president of the assembly of the league of nations, Geneva, Switzerland:
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> "The greetings so graciously sent to me by the assembly of the league of nations through you have gratified me very deeply indeed. I am indeed proud to be considered to have played any part in promoting the concord of nations with the establishment of such an instrumentality as the league, through whose increasing usefulness and success I look forward with perfect confidence.
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> "Permit me to extend my personal greetings to the assembly, if they will be gracious enough to receive them, together with an expression of my hope and belief that their labors will be of immense value to the whole civilized world.
>
> "WOODROW WILSON."

This clearly shows the great expectations ex-President Wilson had of the human efforts of men to weld the impossible "loam and iron" together which shall give the so much coveted, and the not desired peace upon the earth.

That these great peace makers the kings of the modern, of the so bragged about christian world are enjoying themselves is evident by a picture, shown in a daily paper, of four scanty clad Swiss maidens who dance before the most august assembly. This wonderful and particular dance is called "Progress." (Thanks). That the Almighty, at His time shall deride these wonderful peace-makers, is foretold in Psalm 2.

That it is not all peace in this grand peace gathering is the topic of discussion even in the great dailies of America, for they inform us that the peace makers are meeting enormous rocks, consisting in the facts that the three greatest of them are greatly agitated and worked up about who shall be the big "I." England, France and Italy each striving after the great goal.

That such a peace-pact with such fearful odds against it can never mean very much, must be, I think plain to the studious observer who is acquainted with present and past history. Only a few years ago the same nations planned the very thing now under consideration. They had, in fact, agreed as to an everlasting peace, and yet, while assembled at their beautiful Peace Palace at The Hague; hell broke loose among them, which, as we saw, we had to acknowledge as heaven, piously so declared by a wicked, sinister and fallen clergy.

There is no country upon God's globe, but it is suffering in some form or the other from this horrid political upheaval, which leaves everywhere ruin and chaos.

England, the protector of the small States, has annexed many of them to the dominion of brave old England, and now she reaps a harvest of troubles as a reward for her greediness. Look at her Irish trouble, which may turn out to be England's political downfall. Read of her tender mercies in India. Imagine her feeding the heathens with whiskey, opium and other vices of the white races, so that it might be better able to protect them. Behold Great Britain ruling the waves, the heathens and the civilized nations. Wherever man travels on the globe he is sure of the protection of the British flag, be it in Egypt, Africa, China, or Japan. And all of them and many more are very suspicious of grand old England, but as long as Lloyd George waves the rules and rules it all, old England will be safe to a certain extent, although troubles, heretofore never known beset her on all sides, externally as well as internally. Strikes, riots, dissatisfactions and disturbances are the order of the day. But one thing shall always be counted good and gracious, and that is the love of the English people to bring the gospel of Christ Jesus from one end of the earth to its remotest corner. As for the government of England; surely never ruled more shrewd and lewed men over any kingdom than the kingdom of England can boast of. England is in political chaos as well as every other country, and she has an enemy which is still shrewder and lewder, and more deeper diplomatically than the best of her statesmen, for let the world look out for the just awakening Jap, the friend and at the same time the enemy of England.

France also, with little less dominion, small states to protect, is in about the same fix as the queen of the seven seas. She has more than her hands full in her newly acquired boundaries. France as a matter of fact is very suspicious of England, and at the same time she looks with nefarious eyes at Germany mistrusting her as well as any body else. France prepares for a new war with Germany, reads a headline in a Chicago paper of Nov. 18, 1920, showing plainly that country in the throes of political chaos.

Italy with her Flume problem about settled distrusts perfide England and is at this moment busily favoring French motions calculated to outwit old England regarding the big "I" situation of the League of Nations, but will break away from France as soon as chances for her predomination develop.

Germany is supposedly badly broken down, but seemingly not discouraged, she takes good care of herself and looks to the future for balm which will restore her to her lost position among the nations, and enable her to revenge herself on her old enemies.

The Balkan States are as always in turmoil and agitation, being the caldron which delivers death hell and destruction among its gracious protectors.

Greece lost her king a few weeks ago, according to newspaper reports as a result of the bite of a monkey, and is now wondering and more or less disturbed by the reports that foreign money tries to purchase the throne.

America has just deftly defeated her president's strange dream of delivering this country to the mercies of her relentless friends, the European kingdoms, and more particularly of her extremely scheming friend Johnny Bull.

The great men of the modern world seemed to feel the need of a very brave and innocent treasurer, and their leader for the moment Mr. Woodrow Wilson perceiving such, nominated Uncle Sam for the honorable position, which was very happily strenuously seconded by all the grant lords living on the other side of the big pond. They had found Uncle Sam a very good paymaster with common fodder as well as with the mighty dollar and other tokens of love and appreciation. But thanks to the Lord in heaven, who aroused sensible Americans who had the courage to stand for America with her laws of freedom, America, led on by these true men full of manhood, spoiled the European feast refusing to mingle itself into their nefarious diplomatical sinister schemes wrought with duplicity and lying and God-dishonoring quarrels. America wisely frustrated the attempt of her most willing friends to make her a protector of their new and old stolen boundaries which they thought America would graciously defend with her brave sons, her money and her life. No, thanks to God, America would not be part of such a scheme no not even when her president cried and lamented that America was breaking the heart of the poor old world. Wilson's own article X was the heart of the world so made by honorable Mr. Wilson, but America had no use for such a heart when it became evident what the throbbing of such a heart would mean for the poor mother of America and the gracious flag of the country. And now it is up

again to Wall Street, the seat of secret government of the world, to scheme with the grand world-schemers another scheme worthy the scheming of such schemers. What will the grand assembly convened in Geneva now devise? Will they give the League of Nations a new heart? Will they substitute another article X for the one which was such a bad loser? Would it not be prudent for them to change Mr. Root from Wall Street for a minister of the gospel, some of which profession proved such great inventors of new conscience? We shall see what will happen, but this is sure; America will not join and be plucked, she might possibly join and do some plucking.

America, at this moment is safe from European entanglement, unless something happens to the American soldiers still in strange countries, apparently by the orders of a thoroughly defeated president. But America is notwithstanding in pangs and throes as to the near future. The war has brought upon this country some kind of a blood prosperity, by which the war hogs and war profiteers benefitted the most, Wall Street alone cleared the uncountable sum of fifteen billion dollars. The government of the United States seemingly allowed profiteering upon a great scale, she herself spending millions and millions for aircraft without seeing any results. Millions and millions of dollars were wasted in all conceivable and unthinkable manners. Millions and millions were stolen, lost or strayed and no one seems to be responsible.

To-day, the extra profiteering is on the wane. In some quarters prices are coming tumbling down. Factories failing to realize as much as they were wont to in spite have shut their doors. From all over come reports of a wholesale layoff of hired help. Labor is at a premium. Wages are lowered. Men walk the street. Bread, eggs milk and meat prices are still high. Money becomes scarce. The necessities of life are at a price-level where they should not be. Hunger stalks in the streets. Coal is too dear. The winter looms in the windows. Suffering will follow in the wake of the cold winter. Dissatisfaction is rampant. People accustomed to plenty cannot get what they need. No one saved a penny, nor could anybody save such a thing on account of the ever soaring prices of all things. People in general lived in luxury, the changing conditions find them badly unprepared to meet the coming times. Socialism is as always agitating. Bolsheviki tramples through the streets. Political conditions are in expectation. Social conditions are very far from satisfactory. The religious conditions which at least ought to be stable and sound, are the worst ever observed in grand America, they are by far the most disagreeable of the other, either separately or combined; they for sure and for fair are rot to the core being laid low in chaos.

America just like any other country of the globe feels the effects and the aftermath of the great war which has set the entire world upon a growling and howling volcano which at any moment may bulge forth the blackest of smoke, and an unquencable flame devouring whatsoever is in her way. This is as far as I know a true picture of the modern world observed from the viewpoints of politics, society and religion.

Mr. Wilson in his "greeting" previously referred to in this chapter says, "I am proud of having played "any" part in promoting the CONCORD of nations with the establishment of such an instrumentality as the LEAGUE of NATIONS."

The following comment upon this "greeting" is written March 1923, when Mr. Wilson's League has had two years and three months to practise this supposed "CONCORD."

As reports have it after Mr. Clemenceau of France. (The Tiger) had met Mr. Wilson, Mr. Clemenceau stated that Mr. Wilson still believed in the League expecting it to accomplish the very ideas for which he had propagated it. Now if Mr. Wilson was able to look at the League as it is operated, he, perhaps might be sorry for its very existence, for never in the history of Europe were nations more in discord than they are to-day.

Under the rule of this League France is allowed to browbeat the giant who is almost overwhelmed and drowned in the wicked stream of selfishness springing in the very heart of the wonderful Wilson League. In invading the Ruhr district France acts as a wild beast of the wilderness toward the conquered enemy Germany, the same Germany which believing in the beautiful and gracious fourteen points of Mr. Wilson laid down her weapons of defense to be in cold blood murdered by her fierce and hateful political enemy France, member in chief of the League of Nations, without interference of the very League of Nations which exists solely to bring CONCORD in the WHOLE CIVILIZED WORLD!

Again, behold the beautiful "concord" in the east, far and near. Perceive Great Britain arraying the poor Greek against the monstrous Turk, arraying faded intellect against the hineous crescent. Behold France supporting the Turk, and the consequent burning of Smyrna and the murder of christians, in spite of the League of Nations and twenty-three other "PEACE" gatherings in different places of the christian world.

Yes, the concord of nations speaks fluently in the ugly drive of France of the German officers into the hordes of Russia, bolsheviki, which are drilled by these perfect army officers into unconquerable armies which will return unto France, and the world at large to punish hundredfold the injustice wrought on the heroes of 1872.

The "Concord" of Nations did not accomplish any good toward the fifty, or more, nations represented by the League, nor did it any good to the nations without its federation, and it is booked as a complete failure politically, morally and diplomatically.

The League of Nations after two years operation has proved itself a bitter failure, and has acted more as an instigator of evil, a power of destruction, a raiser of unwarranted jealousies, a womb delivering many political wrangles and discord, and an instrument working incalculable havoc brewing social, political, moral and financial chaos.

This is only the beginning. What will the end be? Is not the League of Nations exactly depicted in the loam and iron substances of the ten toes of Daniels political pompous image, signifying the loose connections between the nations who notwithstanding have arrayed themselves in a federacy calculated to thwart God the Almighty?

CHAPTER ELEVEN

The World, Tomorrow Ruled By Bolsheviki.

Fear, and the pit, and the snare, are upon thee, O inhabitants of the earth. Isaiah 24:17.

Tremble, ye women that are at ease, be troubled, ye careless ones; strip you, and make you bare, and gird sackcloth upon your loins. Isaiah 32:11.

Ye shall conceive chaff, ye shall bring forth stubble; your breath, as fire, shall devour you. And the people shall be as the burnings of lime; as thorns cut up shall they be burned in the fire. Isaiah 33:11, 12.

Howl ye ships of Tarshish; for your strength is laid waste. Isaiah 23:14.

How is the faithful city become an harlot; it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it, but now murderers. Isaiah 1:21.

Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests; Howl, ye ministers of the altar; come; lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God; for the meat-offering and the drink-offering is withholden from the house of your God. Joel 1:13.

Ye which rejoice in a thing of nought, which say: Have ye not taken to us horns by our own strength? Amos 6:13.

I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up amoung them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots; and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things. Dan 7:8.

Come to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten. James 5:1, 2.

And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. Math 24:12.

And the rest of the men which were not killed by those plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood, which neither can see nor hear, nor walk; Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their scorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts. Revelation 9:20, 21.

In the preceding chapter we had a passing glimpse of the precarious and dangerous condition in which the modern world found itself wrapped up in its unspeakable troubles and calamities besetting it from all sides.

Let no one be surprised at these things, but let us in fear and awe look up to the Almighty who looks down upon miserable mankind and laughs and derides it in its unholy anger and ungodly attempt to override the rule of the King of Kings.

Yes, some learned, wise and pious men believe that the great League of Nations, "The Federation of Man" shall establish peace and bliss and restore God's Own Gracious World to a world filled with love and good will, every man to his neighbor. And they do not realize that just in the close connections between nations lies the danger with its clouds of dark despair. The nations by dwelling together under one roof see with their eyes lightened up with vehement jealousy each other's weak points, of which they intend to take advantage at the first opportunity that offers itself.

Since the general deluge and the scattering of the peoples over the earth, there always was a people that clung unto the Almighty, adoring Him as the Creator and Redeemer of sinners. In vain do we look to-day round about us. No such people live to-day under the canopy of heavens which extol the Almighty, and seek through Him salvation or guidance. No the glorious modern world has grown alienated from such queer notions. And yet, if among all the nations one of them may lay claim to such a behavior, it is the small kingdom of Holland, which in a measure, comes nearest to such tender inclinations.

Now then, if the general world condition is such as depicted here, how then, in the name of God, how then can the earth rejoice and be glad? It is impossible. All of the nations have discarded God, telling Him in plain words; we have no pleasure in walking in Thine ways. And shall God not visit such wicked and sinister denial of His name? Shall He not root out the uprooters of His laws? Most assuredly. Yes, and He accomplishes it by benumbing the peoples so that they fail to see, and refrain from understanding, and therefore He turns His back upon the backsliders so that darkness, chaos and despair beset them on all sides, as we saw is the real situation of to-day.

In preceding chapters we have noticed that democracy and bolsheviki mean the very same thing. Both refer to the rule of the majority. Democracy, is the slogan of the christian world, while the ungodly have written upon their banners the so much meaning name of bolsheviki.

The real difference is in appearance and application, but both have this in common, that they do not seek the king of life, but imagine themselves to be the true kings, the one as king in the christian and the other as king in the heathen world.

Both of these kings are to-day still subjected to the greater king who sways his mighty scepter over the entire realm of man, but who, on account of his extreme unrighteousness and fraud has succeeded in unsettling the affairs of man, plunging him and his entire environment in complete chaos, out of which man tries to redeem himself by unseating this most unjust king, god Mammon. This implies that the rule of Mammon is to be exchanged for the rule of the majority. Aristocracy making room for democracy and bolsheviki. Bolsheviki and democracy are to-day more than half conquerors. Democracy, in its various forms is an established fact in all of the christian nations, and the semi-christians are ruling nearly the other half of both christians and heathens under the name of bolsheviki.

In the not more than half trustworthy newspaper-reports the facts are explained that Russia is during the last two years being governed by her sons, the peasants. The czar with his despots and tyrants, the despoilers of the people, have vanished, their thrones and titles have been abolished, and the rule of the people, bolsheviki, rules with its mighty arm the whole realm of old Russia. Yes, the obscure do govern in the place of the proud and haughty.

The situation is not strange nor unexpected if we inquire into the possibility of such an unthought of and quickly wrought change of conditions. Explained from the view point of the political and social observer, it might be said to have been caused by the unprecedented mis-rule of the aristocracy, the Czar system. This is, of course, true, but a more careful investigator is not satisfied with such a superfluous explanation, perceiving God's finger upon the pages of history now in its finishing courses.

The old Testament calls many peoples by their respective names, and traces them through the course of the ages giving partly their history as far as it is connected with God's own people, Israel. Most of these peoples have long ago vanished from the globe, but a few of them are easily traced to their true ancestors, the sons of Noah, who with their wives and parents survived the calamity of the general deluge. In Genesis 10:2 we find the names of the sons of Japhet, the eldest son of Noah. Gomar is the ancestor of the Cimbri and Celts. Magog of the Scithians and Mongolians. Madai of the Medes. Javan of the Ionians and Greeks and Meshech of the Moscovites or Russians. The last named and the Mongolians are the peoples which we, in our further deliberations shall have to consider, but in this chapter our attention shall be occupied exclusively with the Russians.

Russia nearly covers a seventh of the total surface of the globe, its chief divisions are European Russia including Poland and Finland, Caucasia, Central Asia and Siberia. In the year 1909 the

estimated population was 152 millions. About 87 millions belong to the Orthodox Greek Church, of which the czar was the head. There are about four million Protestants, eleven million Catholics and fourteen million Mohammedans and 5 million Jews, besides other not mentioned heathen tribes.

One single glance at these multitudes convinces us that the majority are totally strangers to the graces of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and that they are upon a not much better footing than the poor heathens, although they perhaps do brag about some kind of a semi-christian civilization.

These people were until the great European conflict, which embroiled them from the very beginning not much better than the serfs and slaves of the system of aristocracy presided over by the czars of Russia. The czar, according to the works of Allen, Whitehead and Chadwick, was more responsible for the great calamity than any other nation because he mobilised his armies at the first provocation, and sent them to the boundaries and into German territory.

At this point of our observation it is the opportune time to remember what Jesus said regarding this most inhuman struggle for the world supremacy. In Mathew 24:7 He calls our attention to this conflict when He says: And—nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and verse 8.—These are the beginning of sorrows. Now this saying of Jesus, and the abnormal conflict of the nations harmonize in detail with the "loam and iron" condition of the ten toes of king Nebuchadnezar's political image spoken of in Daniel 2, which "future" history Daniel further reveals in his seventh chapter verses 7, 8, 19, 20, 21, 24 and 25.

In this chapter Daniel instructs us regarding the God opposing world, in the picture of the four wild beasts. The fourth, or the last, the world of to-day, is the most worse of any of the preceding ones, no matter how pious, learned and civilized this our "modern world" with all its various colors of religion tries to appear. Upon this last beast, he beholds ten horns, by which grows another, a little one, which uproots three of the first.

When we come to the chapter on the "Anti-Christ," we shall meet these beasts again to discuss their identification a little closer. It will now suffice to say that the fourth beast represents the iron kingdom, or the Roman empire from its very formation to its end.

This beast is the last of the beasts and is identified with the beast of Revelation 13 verse 1, and the end of this beast is the termination of the world. Upon this beast than, Daniel beheld 10 horns, which are in verse 24 explained, as being 10 "kings." The number 10 in Scripture signifies the world in its absolute depravity, and this number 10 alludes to the great rulers of the world, whether they be kings, prime ministers or presidents. By these kings Daniel

sees another "king" a "little" one coming plucking three of the others up by the roots. "Plucking up by the roots" can never refer to a friendly and kind action, but represents the fiendish proceedings of a fierce enemy. And, as it seems to me; that is exactly what is being enacted in the history of the most inhuman war. Russia, Germany, Austria and Hungaria up to a very late year were ruled by their own established sovereigns or kings with their variation in titles. Where are they to-day? They are murdered, as newspaper reports have it, and they have absconded. They are, as kings, gone, never to return. They are overwhelmed by the enormous waves of bolsheviki and by the bitter billows of democracy, and their countries are steeped in woe and in distress, they are subdued and humiliated. These three kings were of royal blood, and inter-married with the royal blood of entire Europe, with the intended purpose to establish peace and grace upon the earth, but they have failed, just as Daniel saw it when he informed us about the loam and iron conditions of the beautiful modern world. He assuredly spoke the naked truth when he said in verse 24 that this "uprooter" should be "divers" from the others. Look and behold and inquire" Was it a king who dethroned these three kings? Was it? Was he? No! The feat was simply accomplished with the brilliant slogan of the great liars "Make the world safe for democracy." Democracy, led on by valiant America plunged just in time in this most gruesome struggle to save the Entente from an ignoble defeat, thereby becoming the instrument to fulfil God's plan of visiting the sins of aristocracy and to establish democracy with its degenerating tendencies which in due time shall bring forth the so much coveted kingdom of Anti-Christ. Democracy won the day, but democracy does not rule, as yet, thanks to the shrewd interference of "unrighteous Mammon," who is, after all, as we have seen still the secret ruler of the world governing in the form of Arist-Democracy.

This unrighteous rule of Mammon, as we have seen, is responsilbe for the chaos and dilemna which embarrass the poor old world, which grows so much better day by day as is seen and admired by the poor old world itself, now blooming in the christian civilized modern world.

This false system of Mammon cannot last for ever. This total depravity, ripening in the administration of unrighteous Mammon is bound to dissolve, and to be swept aside by a rule of uncontrollable forces developing in opposite quarters. But to-day, aristocracy rules yet in its old and true pomp, having succeeded to stay the rulings of kings and potentates, enthroning in their place the great heads of gigantic and titanic financial banking systems. This rule, in due time, according to James 5 will make place for a rule by the "avengers." Now, this form of government is to-day in working order in old Russia. It is the rule by the people, which is called

bolsheviki over there and which we call democracy here. It is also called: "soviet" government. This seems to upset one and all of the ordinances of the living God. It honors "free love," it anulls the marriage laws, it makes the State supreme owner and controller of all women and children, money and men, industry and agriculture, it supervises religion, Churches and schools. The governor is judge and culprit, lawyer and client, and must needs be a more ruthless tyrant than Mammon ever was or could afford to be. That time, when it shall be here, and that government, when it shall be established shall be a time of great trouble, of immense distress, a time of soreness, and a time of pain, a time of calamities and a time of anger, a time of vexation and a time of woe, a time of visitation and a time of vengeance, a time of injustice and a time of unrighteousness, a time of corruptness and a time of extreme bitterness, yea, in short it shall be the time of the great tribulation spoken of in Mathew 24:21.

Such a rule, and such a government established in all known lands and countries should induce the people of the enlightened and civilized modern world to proclaim: Why did we discard God and His laws? Why did the ministers of the gospel not inform us about the true conditions? Why did they beguile us with sweet sounding titles? Why did they not warn us for the wrath of the Almighty Whom we have provoked to anger? But the realization of their mistakes will be too late. As it is to-day; the great religious leaders send the people home with empty boastings of christian political parties, christian newspapers and the such, but they have no Christ, so shall it be then, the religious leaders shall blindly lead the blind to the pit into which both fall, if God does not interfere. Then, even as now, the great men shall stand up and call the attention of the unawares, the ignorant and the foolish to the false pretention that the world with great strides is perfecting itself. They all shall hold fast and string their carts to the wondrous wagon of king satan who as an angel of light rides triumphantly in the brilliant atmosphere of this most beautiful modern world of ours. True religion, despised as now, shall be despised, shall be persecuted, shall be ignored by them who should glory in it.

True religion, as now, shall be at a premium, and cursed and disturbed when found. God Almighty shall not be known, not be regarded, honored or obeyed. His work shall be despised, discarded and rooted out and fail to receive the least bit of recognition. Man, as now, and then the more so; shall be all in all, shall be supreme. Man now climbing the "Jacobs ladder" shall ascend into the highest heavens, and in grand piousness dethrone the Almighty. He shall think to establish "Man's" rule in the earth as well as in the heavens. He will and can see nothing else but "man." This shall have the effect of darkening the "sun" (Christ), for God's

Word shall not be understood, religion denying its power then many times worse than to-day. The stars, (Ministers of the gospel;) shall fall from heaven, we now plainly perceiving them preaching themselves and their little "hobbies." They shall then boldly contradict the Scriptures teaching nicely cultivated lies, besides the great LIE. Hailstones, as now, shall fall upon them, but they shall not induce the backsliders to repent.

This, it seems to me shall erelong be the condition of the bright modern world, because mankind, in general, deliberately and foolhardily forsook the Almighty and crucified anew the SON of the living God, repeating the very act of old hypocritical Israel.

Let him who fears the Lord continually pray that the Almighty God may sustain his faith, for immense billows from the uproarious waters may perhaps pass over his head, but he that overcometh, so says God's Holy Word; he that overcometh shall receive the crown of glory, and a white stone with a name written thereon which he alone shall be able to read. Let him stand manfully in the strength of his Lord, for in that day, religion shall be, even as it now already has become void and an empty boast.

CHAPTER TWELVE

The World Seeking A Redeemer.

And thou wentest to the king with ointment, and didst increase thy perfumes, and didst send thy messengers afar off, and didst debase thyself even unto hell. But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked. Isaiah 57:9, 20, 21.

Woe to the rebellous children, said the Lord, that take counsel, but not of me, and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin. Isaiah 30:1.

The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish. Isaiah 24:4.

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning; How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations. Isaiah 14:12.

Therefore he hath poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle; and it hath set him on fire round about, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid it not to heart. Isaiah 42:25.

Every one of them is gone back; they are altogether become filthy, there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Psalm 53:3.

They are corrupt, and speak wickedly concerning oppression; they speak loftily. They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth. Psalm 73:8, 9.

Princes are hanged up by their hand; the faces of elders were not honored. Lamentations 5:12.

Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile. Romans 2:9.

There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. Romans 3:11.

The modern world in the full pomp and grandeur of its glittering glory, is indeed in a very miserable condition. Its bold attempt at lightheartedness is shipwrecked upon the rocks of distress. Its

endeavor to look happy is a palpable failure. Its outward brightness cannot cover its inward gloom. The dancing and prancing modern world is to-day a world full of calamities. Catastrophe follows catastrophe. They overtake it unexpectedly and at random. The whole world, from the one extreme to the remotest parts is in trouble. The foundations of the earth do tremble. Pangs, as of a woman in travail are upon her. The cry of despair rents the air. The signals of distress are floating from the palaces as well as from the ignoble daylaborer's shack. The earth laments, the rocks groan, the woods mourn, they altogether shake and shudder and plaintively weep for the God of life. Agony, fear and regret look out of the dark holes of despair. Love is dead, Faith is lost and Hope is no more.

Does anybody wonder that the world stares at the horizon from whence it expects a strong man?

Does anybody wonder that it has set itself to work launching a "man of war" upon the bellowing seas, striving to calm the roaring waves of the tumultuous waters?

Does anybody wonder that it climbs the spires and the steeples, that it ascends the peaks of the ponderous mountains, looking, looking, intensively looking, looking, looking for—what?

Does anybody wonder that the modern world calls its "wise sons" together, its sons, the "wise ones" who know, or who ought to know?

Does anybody wonder that it has assembled her great and wise rulers, and that they are now in council together to cure it of its grievous wound, so unmercifully inflicted upon it, and so unexpectedly received, and so treacherously dealt by the very treacherous "wise men," its sons, and now the know-nothing doctors who delivered it such a treacherous blow?

Does anybody wonder now why the present world seeks relief from the evil which rests upon it as a man rests upon his bed?

Yes, O yes, the modern world is tired, is indeed very tired, very sore, and its ignoble hurt hurts very ignobly, indeed.

O behold it looking to the mountains. To the rivers. To the aged forests. To the deep oceans. To the wonderful skies. To the earth. To wisdom. To the soothsayers. To the devil-killers. To the spirits. To the dead. To the harpers. To the pipers. To the dreamers. To the dancers. To the players. To the singers. To—yes to everywhere and anything. Yes it seeks relief. It prays for relief, yes it prays fervently for relief to the politicians, to the magicians, to the image, to the religious, it prays to the earth, to heaven and hell for the cure of its sore wounds, so dastardly inflicted upon it by its own selfseeking lovers.

Yes, O yes, the modern world smarts from her sores which it feels in the country, in the state, in the county, in the town, in the city, in the suburb, in the village, in the hamlet, in the castle, in the skyscraper, in the church, in the parsonage, in the cottage, in the palace, in the hut, yes indeed, it feels the grievous wound, and the members of its body do feel the awful sting of the still bloodgushing cut.

O yes indeed. It seeks relief. Indeed, our beautiful christian civilized enlightened modern world seeks relief from its almost unbearable troubles. O yes, the woes are upon it. It realizes it. Let nobody be in doubt about it. Yes, O mercy yes, it realizes it! It needs a Savior, a Redeemer. It looks the world over for one who is able to rescue and to redeem. It seeks a savior who can help it, who can ward off its trouble besetting it from all sides. It seeks a mighty one who will be able to restore its former beauty unto it again.

O yes even as Esau the modern world seeks a redeemer with repentance, it, like him, bewails its trouble and seeks with tears a comforter, yes it seeks the place of repentance with a stream, a flood of tears, but like Esau, it finds no help, no uplifter, no cure for its troubles, for it is not the Lord, the only Redeemer, to whom it flies for redemption and deliverance.

But, of all its great lovers, is there no one who is willing to aid the world in its distress, to show mercy unto it and help it? O yes. O yes. There are many, many yes many helpers, who try and offer it all what is in their power to grant it relief.

In our next chapter we shall attempt to bring a few of these gracious redeemers before your attention.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

Many Redeemers.

Yea, though they have hired among the nations, now will I gather them, and they shall sorrow a little for the burden of the king of princes." Hosea 8:10.

The good man is perished out of the earth; and there is none upright among men, they all lie in wait for blood, they hunt every man his brother with a net. The best of them is as a brier; the most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge; the day of thy watchmen and thy visitation cometh; now shall be their perplexity. Micah 7:2 and 4.

Why do the heathen rage and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed. Psalm 2:1, 2.

In that day, said the Lord of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall; and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off; for the Lord had spoken it. Isaiah 22:25.

Associate yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries, and ye shall be broken in pieces," gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces. Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: For God is with us. And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter; should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? And they shall look unto the earth, and behold trouble and darkness, dimness and anguish, and they shall be driven to darkness. Isaiah 8:9, 10, 19 and 22.

Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture; saith the Lord. Jeremiah 23:1.

And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. For there shall rise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Math 24:11, 24.

So he carried me away in the spirit in the wildernis: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlot colored beast, full of names and blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns, And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth. Rev. 17:3, 5 and 18

Day laborers, manufacturers, bankers, experts in all vocations, yea, even some of the clergy, agree that to-day we live in a very peculiar world which seeks satisfying solutions of the various problems which confront it, and which are growing more serious than ever; which, if no solution is found will bring the modern world so full of hope upon the brink of utter ruin.

Banks fail, the farmers are at a loss how to till their farms for the next season, because the money they need is unreasonably withheld from them. Newspapers loudly denounce and protest against such a policy pursued by a government which lend billions to strangers and fails to protect its own citizens.

Everybody admits there is a strange spirit in the hearts of men which induces them to prattle about peace, while their acts are deeds of lying and murder.

The unprincipled, cold blooded war which the great men of the modern world glorified as being the carrier of the beautiful "dove of peace," proves to be the "cager" of it, uprooting the last vestige of harmony, mocking democracy, anulling love, disqualifying grace and mercy, multiplying and intensifying troubles and problems. The war was to be the solver of all ailments, troubles and problems of our most gracious modern world, and behold the success. Chaos, distress and ruin stare at us from every corner and quarter, and there is no God to Whom we look for deliverance.

We do not need God. The modern world is able to help itself. So it thinks, and so it acts. Entirely void of honesty it swells up in hatred, jealousy, vice, corruptness, craftness, lightheartedness, comforting itself with a system of false religion. The lie from hell is the acknowledged guide of the great ones of the magnificent modern world who, nevertheless, do grope in darkness fervently seeking some one or something which promises to restore the old tired world to its former vanished glory.

And, as stated in a previous chapter, many men, things and ideas, comprehending the situation, come boldly forward pretending their ability to create order out of chaos, to restore peace and harmony and to lead the world toward the pathway of glory at the pinnacle of bliss.

We have observed before that the modern world is suffering in its three main arteries of life, which seem to be poisoned, paralized or otherwise rendered unfit to properly conduct their various functions. These three arteries, as we remember, are Religion, Intellectualism, and Politics and their sickening conditions are being made the object of deep study, and many shrewd men come skilfully forward patronizingly patting the sick ones and guarantee them complete cure through and by the operation of their patented surgery.

A casual observer notices, no doubt, that both politics and intellectualism, recommend as a cure of the ills of the world, the restoration of Scripture in the public schools, and more Scriptural reading by the general public, while at the same time many clergymen try to doctor the poor old world with the application of its wickedness such as politics, newspapers and such, which they deftly color up with Christ's beautiful name. This, as it seems to me, shows the seriousness of the prevailing condition.

All these "doctors" are the so extremely willing "redeemers," who, every one in his own language proclaim loudly: "Hear Ye, I am the Christ. Come, listen to me."

To gain a better understanding of these "home-doctors" we have described the actions and operations of a few of them from as close a quarter as we were able to master. In rotation they are: The League of Nations. The Inter-Church World Movement, Christian Science, Spiritualism, Christian Paperdom, Christian Politics, Budget System, Million Dollar Funds for colleges, Russelism, The Catholic Church and Secret Societies.

The Literary Digest of December 4, 1920, under the heading "The Federation of Man," gave various opinions of the different writers regarding this "Federation of Man." Finance, Intellectualism, Humanism, and a vague "FEAR," competed for pre-eminence, but the great outstanding fact which overshadowed all and was hid in all utterances was the utter lack of taking cognizance of God. It is not strange at all that the christian nations assembled at Geneva, under—"the bare brown rafters" of the Hall of "Reformation" act as though their rulers and not God shall be supreme. The term "Federation of Man" expresses correctly the esteem "man" has for self and his aversion he has for God. Since Eden man has sought to attain to this wonderful accomplishment.

Reading and meditating upon what capital (acting in secret) has to say, and what intellectualism brings to bear, and what humanism has to say regarding this matter; and finding them strongly co-operating with each other and using conditions and circumstances to advance and rear up such a colossal scheme, no one needs to be surprised as to the realization of this wonderful invention of man.

The war-tired nations led by the three great recognized forces, Mammon, Intellectualism and Humanism now in operation and control, are willing to submit almost to anything which promises a speedy relief from calamities, chaos, instability and disaster which grin at them as hungry wolves at their prey.

These three forces, or mighty agents of "ignoble selfishness" have their special reasons to belie the unawares, the mighty multitudes, the unthinking hordes, who seem to glorify their own unwarranted and lamentable blindness.

A close examination of these three mighty powers or forces which have set up themselves as the "One TRIUNE God," will reveal that the first, Mammon controls the eye of man, and that the second, Intellectualism controls his reason, and that the third, Humanism masters his spirit, holding him everlastingly occupied by the reflections of his own great worth and meaning, easily persuading him to forget his glorious Creator.

This god is the foster-parent of "The League of Nations" which is, as stated by Ex-President Wilson, the child of democracy and the war. He, this triune god, being instrumental of gathering the wise rulers of the grand modern world together in a world assembly, which again is secretly directed by an unknown supergovernment, which in due time and season will be boldly presided over by the great "one," the long sought one, the magnificent "superman." This "assembly" is the god's guaranteed policy of "peace," while, in its two years ruling it has proved its total unwillingness and inability to give peace, or subdue the war god. Under cover of a "peace program" this most wise and august body enthrones or dethrones kings, admits new members and countries to its assemblage, and shuts its doors to not "desired" applicants, it changes boundaries according to its wisdom or ambition, creates kingdoms or dissolves them, plays with the nations as a cat plays with a yet living but badly frightened mouse and expects the earth-dwellers to be very jubilant about this splendid democracy which rules so autocraticaly the democracy which does not exist. This League of Nations which prattles about peace is in reality no more desirous for peace than the once glorious Hague Assembly of "crowned heads," who broke their covenants as soon as their idol temple was glittering in the eyes of a God Who was despised by the rulers of that day and Who is now ignored by the very subjects of these magnificent war lords.

The past, the present, and any future world-assembly of "wise" men may prattle about peace, everlasting peace, it shall not be granted to either one. The modern world, as we have shown; is nothing but the "loam and iron" condition upon which king Nebuchadnezar saw his magnificent political image with its "golden head" reared up. The ten toes of mud and iron represent the christian nations which "do not mix" although they and their kings mingled themselves with "the seed of man," and therefore peace and harmony, love and good will be far from them, and if they think and magnify themselves to have arrived at an established unity in spite of heaven, then a hasty destruction will disprove their wisdom and dispel their foolish delusions and their false theories. This is the unwonted and plain statement of Scripture, which has been proved once and again, and which shall be found unfailingly true and correct. Nevertheless nations and their kings do disregard it. Yes,

wise men may brag and boast about peace, their own actions contradict even their own unsound statements and baseless guarantees. For, we read in the "National Republican" of December 4, 1920 under the caption "The League of Nations" the following: "The League of Nations its assembly in session at Geneva for the purpose of enforcing "world peace," drops hope of "world disarmament" plan, and instead, proposes the creation of an "international" army and "new" weapons of warfare."

Yes, the League of Nations in its boastful element of "man exaltation" faithfully expressed and represented in the glowing term of "The Federation of Man" is one of the many voices which demand an attentive ear, as it exhibits itself as a "savior" of the world. If Jesus had not forewarned us that "in the last days" many would come and say: "Here is the Christ," we might have been at a loss what to think of this wonderful human invention, but now we may fully realize and comprehend that this "voice," loudly calling, demonstrates the power of deception to which Christ alluded, and this is absolutely so! Christ makes no mistakes!

Another "deliverer" crying, "Here is the Christ," is the voice of the "Inter Church World Movement," which, with a sweet, melodious voice accompanied by the strains of discordant Mammon sung as a siren so explicitly: "Here is the Christ."

This is the second attempt to harmonize the "isms," the first being made during the World's Fair held in Chicago in the year 1893. This movement was known as the "World's Parliament of Religion." Both movements are in themselves deliberate schemes to dissolve heretofore recognized principles and standards which once were dear enough to be defended by life itself, while they are now discarded and considered void and meaningless. At this particular World's Parliament of Religion marvelous denouncement of "Faith" thrilled the hearts of the audiences. Christians, heathens, and semi-christians, religious and irreligious alike agreed as to one thing, namely to deny the salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. All sects, cults, professions, systems, denominations were present, with the possible exception of a few; and it was positively clear, there were no sinners, and therefore Christ was not needed, but holy people were gathered there who were *cock* sure that the redemption of the world and of mankind was a feature worthy the greatness of MAN.

The second attempt at unification of "faith" or rather say "faithlesness" came from never heretofore thought of quarters, for who could conceive of the idea that "unrighteous Mammon" would unexpectly become so extremely pious as to forward a scheme which would unite religion? And still, nothing less than that was attempted. Nineteen years after the World Parliament of Man held by religion strange to the worship of the "golden calf;" religion

again was called together and its pretentious leader represented Mammon (reformed) graciously boasting in the "Carpenter from Nazareth and the Great Master." And, as was to be expected nearly all "isms" bowed in reverence their heads before the sweet singer, whose only aim seemed to center in self preservation, realizing Mammon's late work and the threatening consequences. World religion at this moment is suspicious of this ungallant monster of hypocracy which came forward arrayed as a "savior" of the world.

In the near future the modern world may expect religion moving forward from yet stranger quarters from where not many would expect a "religious wave" possible. The great war, besides awakening Mammon's appetite, gained another object and victory. While the great christian war was raging, mowing away the youth of the white races, man wondered at the grand slogan with golden lungs heralded over the length and breadth of the earth:—"Make the World Safe for Democracy." Did not the war accomplish what was desired and yet not wanted? It did! Behold the Russian Bolsheviki. Look at the Prussian democrats. If democracy in the christian world, and bolsheviki in the heathen world is instrumental in dethroning the political kings, I inquire and ask, what will religion, what will and may KING Christ in heaven expect in the near future when the two movements have conquered trembling and back bone lacking religion? Does not the signs of the times vividly point to a time when the power of politics, democracy, shall direct the pathways of notorious and sinewless religion? and so "politics" shall array itself as "Christ."

Another "voice" which, as a Godly trumpet, speaks sweetly to the pious world is the religious sect of "Christian Science," which is neither christian nor scientific, but which, nevertheless, agrees so well with depraved human nature that within a few years a great part of the so-called christian world is transferred and transfixed in this loveless system which has discarded love itself; and which now claims universal attention as one of the foremost "saviors" of the world.

Again our attention is fixed upon a movement which twenty-five years ago was, even by the modern world itself, doomed and damned and considered dead, although it was known to smoulder in the dark recesses of evil neighborhoods of cosmopolitan cities. But to-day great religious (?) leaders as Sir Lodge from England trample throughout this great country to enlighten as he thinks, mankind with the dark and gloomy spectre of Spiritualism. And, if ever a "voice" received attentive ears surely this voice may claim an unheard of amount of success, for it is claimed that a great per cent of Americans in all spheres of life are believers in and dreamers of the kingdom of spirits. The war released a myriad of evil spirits who prepare the way for the grand denier, and the Godless multi-

tudes, breaking all religious fetters, are ready to believe the lie of a living connection between the dead and the living, between hell and earth and betwixt earth and heaven. This nefarious doctrine of witchcraft, soothsaying, fortune telling abiya boards, spiritualism in its various forms, has pleased the majorities and the minorities so well that the enlightened christian modern world seems to be the chosen place where evil spirits dwell amidst the disobedient children of man, who look upon "spiritualism" as one of the great "saviors" of mankind.

"Holy Paperism" or the so-called christian press, church budget systems, and the "renovated" idea of "christian political parties," with the "million Dollar funds" for schools and colleges are so many idols which the clergy of the so far purest church denomination has set up as dieties for which the faithful must in reverence bow and honor with gifts of esteem and sound sounding considerations.

When Christ directed His disciples to "preach the gospel;" He undoubtedly never meant that Gods Pure Word should be hooked to a carriage pulled by commerce, and when, by His departure He spoke these words He never intended that they should be translated into a system which coldly seeks the dollar, and which is absolutely foreign to Christ Jesus Who foresook His heavenly abode of riches and splendor to attach to Himself the meek and the needy, warning them who looked longingly to the perishable things of the earth.

When Christ came upon the earth, the political world, just as now, was in a bad state in so far as it pertained to God's people, the Jews, and yet Jesus Christ never thought it right and proper to better the sinful world with a christian political party. His influence however purified politics as well as social and religious conditions. Again, when Martin Luther accepted Christ, the world surely was as bad as it is now, (I maintain it is worse to-day). Luther, following the footsteps of Christ preached the gospel of Christ, and, behold: Rome, the religious and political controller of the earth, came tumbling down, and politics as well as society and religion was purified, and Christ received the glory without any political pomp.

But in our great modern world, the grand doctors of theology do wander about trying to better the world, that is religion, with the weak and obscure idea of "christian politics."

When the "salt" becometh tasteless shall it savour the meal? Christ said: The christian must be the salt of the earth, etc, the leaders of these so-called christian political parties, undoubtedly intend to go "Christ one better" by trying to make the "earth" one big lump of salt. Christ and commerce, Christ and politics do not go together, and any attempt to make them kiss each other shall at the appointed time be awarded the wages of shame. As said before

the christian is not here to better the world, but to protest against its unholy actions and preach the gospel, so that God's people may be found, and the world in the Judgment day shall have no excuse.

The Million Dollar Fund, proposed by a certain college, is another "sign of the times" proving that the best and the purest of the pure is to-day yielding to sinister influences calculated to ensnare the church in the entanglement of Mammon. The aim is most deadly, and the "spirit" killing most sure. Not any amount of pious philosophy is able to make this hidious sin an object of glory in the eyes of the heavenly Bridegroom who does not want His beautiful Bride decked with the blood smeared and tear stained garments of the unrighteous Mammon.

The attentive reader realizes perhaps that the writer has his mind centered upon a portion of a system which is generally called "The Calvinistic Church." The Calvinistic Church, once the most pure, is to-day besides herself and besides the gospel truth. If it is true, as was publicly announced by one of its foremost defenders that "Calvinism" has to keep up with the times; then it is true that Calvinism has forsaken the Bible. And, it is true! Calvinism is fundamentally wrong with her wide open doors for any strange bird which is willing to seek shelter and comfort at the shrines and altars erected in the sanctuaries for all modern inventions which bright and splendid men can devise and piously connect and link unto the beautiful name of Jesus Christ. (I am here speaking about Neo-Calvinism. Old and tried Calvinism never swerves with tides or times.) Neo-Calvinism, Russelism, Zionism, yea nearly all of the "isms" to-day deftly array themselves in "fine clothes and linen" prudishly muttering: "See here is the Christ."

No doubt, but of all the voices thrilling and swelling in the "perfumed air of christianity;" none produces so much effect as the harsh and then again so melodious voice of the Roman Catholic Church.

Revelation 17 depicts a "drunken woman" upon a beast with seven heads and ten horns. This beast is the same as that of chapter 13:1, and is also identified with the four beasts of Daniel 7. This beast in the revelation of God expresses the being of the political situation of the "last days" lasting more than 1500 years. To give an accurate description of the so-called christian political world, God likens it by a "wild beast" denoting a malicious inclination to destroy and to devour, the ten horns signifying the divided condition of this political power, which compares and corresponds with the ten toes of king Nebuchadnezar's image, which, as we have seen, were partly of iron and partly of loam, illustrating the fact that the political conditions of the "modern world" would be of such a nature as to make unification impossible although it should be very much desired and preached.

Upon this beast now, the christian political state, John saw this wonderful woman, arrayed in purple and scarlet and decked with precious ornament. The color of both the woman and the beast is scarlet (red), the color of blood, signifying their murderous qualifications and inclinations. This "woman" has an awful name written upon her forehead which reads: "Mystery, Babylon the Great, The Mother of Harlots and abominations of the earth." With this strange woman the kings of the earth committed fornication, she making the inhabitants of the earth drunk with the wine of her fornication.

Any Bible student agrees that this woman represents the Roman Catholic Church, her daughters, represent the protestants, and all other churches are also called, like the mother, harlots. The adultery committed by mother and daughter is plainly indicated by the picture given, and consists in the fact that they all have forsaken God and delight to be resting in the arms of the so beautifully garbed world. The Roman Catholic Church has always longed to be the political world power, but anyone studying Calvinism and any other "ism" perceives that that they also stretch forth unholy hands to the appetizing paradise apple, politics, going the catholic church one better, with calling their schemes after the name of the HOLY Christ. All of the churches of to-day are stocked with a splendid assortment of gracious gods, stolen from the unconverted heathens, and made holy by the application of the name of Christ.

But "the Mother of harlots" is the particular corrupter of kings, merchants, clergy and laymen. Her aim has always been, and is yet centered in the ambition to control all powers on earth as well as in higher spheres. She deems herself to be the only fit and appointed authority to rule religion as well as politics and visa versa. Diplomacy, her advocate, she uses secretly and openly.

Duplicity is her lawyer and ignorance is her general. She is shorn of her power, she is unseated, or expressed in Bible language, the "ten horns have hated her and have burned her with fire," yet she is to-day as anxious as ever to regain what erstwhile she possessed but did not belong to her. She is still as ugly as ever before, although she is seemingly very sweet, inexpressibly agreeable, and extremely tender, pious and sedate. She knows where she is and what she is about. She stands as a unit, while her perverted and petrified enemy, protestantism, represents a shattered front, broken wings and smashed ranks. And this cut up army, looks round about and behold, with broken wings and smashed ranks tries to "play" politics with this strenuous well harneshed surely aiming opponent, who beguiles the little contender with her soft and winning smile, playfully tickling her, prattling about being her "dear friend." What does the reader think, will any of the "isms" ever gain anything by playing with the sweet seducer? But, please let me put this

in another form. Can God, the world, the christian, can they all, or each separately ever realize any good from combining strength with this woman who is one of the greatest God-haters? Can Christ or the christian derive benefit by a covenant made with the fiercest enemy of Christ? I, for one, take it for granted that such a thing is a colossal impossibility.

Study the situation in small but magnificent Holland. Did the great Doctor Kuiper, who was an ordained clergyman, but who went into politics and succeeded at one time to be Holland's Prime Minister, and who, with the help of Rome conquered some opposition, I inquire, did Doctor Kuiper really establish any good for Holland while at his death we find that a Roman Catholic priest, Dr. W. H. Nolens, was the organizer of a very strong ministery, although he was indeed very wise by refusing to be Holland's Prime Minister, in self control seeking satisfaction by a seat in the Second Chamber. As it seems to me, Dr. Kuiper placed Holland apparently where it never intended to be as is plainly shown by her war of eighty years, against this very enemy.

The late history of America is a wonderful story to read as we behold Mr. Wilson, the late president, and his private secretary, Mr. Tumulty, the extra devoted son of the Catholic Church. Holland and American history shall disclose this most outstanding fact, that the so-called christian peoples represented by their several "isms," did trust much more in the great conquering power of the Catholic church than in the all embracing power of the Almighty God, the God of our Fathers.

Rome, surely is combining strength and cunning diplomacy and trickery to master the poor world along the very lines of her infamous brutal regime of olden times. Shall she succeed? If I read Revelation 17 aright, it seems impossible that Rome ever again shall regain her lost power and her vanished glory. All the undue influences brought to bear upon the corrupt power of the political situation of the modern world shall not avail Rome anything. Our observations in this chapter plainly bespeak the fact that the Mother of Harlots shall be magnificent and very powerful, at the same time revealing that "the political power" of the "ten" kings shall take her glory and power away, and, does not history tell the story? Where is the political power of Rome to-day? It is not at Rome, that is not in the Roman Catholic church, nor does it rest with its Pope. She has once been earth's greatest ruler, she has been powerful and magnificent. She is it still in a certain measure but her greatness and glory is departed, she is "eaten and burned with fire."

Rome, as she is to-day, shall never rule the earth again, her struggles for control shall all be in vain. She might be yet supreme in a few countries, she might be wide awake and on the alert to regain at a moment's notice the so much coveted power, when al-

most within her grip, it shall be snatched away from her by hands possibly yet ruder and blunter and even more brutal than her own. There is a power rising, an uncontrollable power, a power as secret as it is wicked, a power as fearful as it is crafty. This power may overcome Rome, make friends with her in order to gain its ends, and then undo her as she has been undone, and as she has undone others, hundreds of others, many times, and manifold better than herself. To-day almost all things are in the clutches of this power. It makes and breaks kings, dominions, and countries. It is the almost universal recognized supreme power which controls man and man's handiwork, and which now aims to control God and His handiwork. A student of the times will undoubtedly understand that the writer refers to "Secret Organization," with its ugly head, Free-Masonry."

The next chapter is devoted to a study of this fast gaining power.

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

The Most Promising Redeemer, Secret Societies.

Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is the Christ, or there; believe it not. Math 24:23.

The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken, lo, they have rejected the word of the Lord; and what wisdom is in them? For, behold, I will send serpents, cockatrices among you, which will not be charmed, and they shall bite you, said the Lord. Isaiah 8:9, 17.

Then these presidents and princes assembled together to the king,—and said,—King Darius,—establish a royal statute, and make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God,—save of thee, etc. Daniel 6:6, 7.

Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits and the breadth thereof six cubits; he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. Daniel 3:1.

And after the league made with him he shall work deceitfully; for he shall come up and shall become strong with a small people. Daniel 11:23.

Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. 2 Thessalonians 2:4.

And deceiveth them that dwell upon the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell upon the earth that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by the sword, and did live. Rev. 13:14.

And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds. Rev. 16:11.

It is generally conceded that Free Masonry is the parent of all secret organism. Masonry claims to have its origin from the building of king Solomon's temple, which, perhaps maybe correct, but if this is so, then its founders were heathens, assuredly not Solomon or Israelites.

Again, others believe that Masonry originated by the building of

the tower of Babylon, which I will not dispute, as it was the proper place and time to start secret movements, which kept abreast of the times, finally developing in its stage of perfection of which the modern world is so apt to brag.

Secretness stands over against openheartedness. It is obvious, secretism hates light, it abhors to be exposed. Light and darkness do not fuse, neither does the truth and the lie, openness and secretness. One upon the throne dispels the other. Both come from different sources. The one springs forth out of the fountain of life, the other out of the well of death.

Scripture reveals that the Christ came with the light of heaven, which shone brilliantly in the gospel of the openhearted truth, while his opponent, satan, came with the gloom of hell, fused in the gospel of the lie covered by secrecy. This illustrates the foundation and origin of secretism.

In order to study secret organizations properly, we shall discuss the five following questions:

1. What is Secret organism?
2. What does it say of itself?
3. What does it purport to be?
4. What is its aim?
5. What is its success?

What is Secret Organism? The modern world is filled with opposing things, ideas and powers. None of the each other opposing ideas, things or powers are able to exist at the same time and place. For instance: Light and Darkness. Strong and Weak. Peace and War. Water and Fire. Land and Sea. Rich and Poor. Humble and Proud. Clever and Dull.

We have observed that secret organism represents the kingdom of darkness, and we admit that the kingdom of darkness cannot at the same time occupy the kingdom of light. And this is just what this kingdom claims it represents. To prove its misleading boast, it avails itself of the Word of God. It is well known that by initiations of new members the Bible is laid before them, they take an oath of "secrecy" with the one hand upon Scripture. This the ignorant, the unsuspecting holds as a guarantee to a fraternal and God like brotherhood, whose aim is above suspicion. Soon the studious brother will detect that there is not the least testimony regarding Christ, his cross, or sin, or heavenly things in Free Masonry.

Scripture says: anybody having the light will testify of it, letting it shine round about him. As to the fact that the Bible and other holy things have a place in the secret society hall, permit me to call your attention to a very significant thing exposed in scripture.

Revelation 12 pictures the dragon "satan" in heaven having seven heads and ten horns. It is generally understood that "seven" represents the fulness of the eternal God, as is shown in Revelation 5:6. The number "ten," depicts the world, the wicked, corrupt sinful world. Therefore, this picture shows the devil appearing upon the earth as—the angel of light, Lucifer. Son of the morning. Isaiah 14:12. Satan, as is well known, never desists to practise his old tricks, and with sacred truth in his hands, or, in other words, with the light from above in his clutches he appears in the secret society hall as "the angel of Light" but is in reality the magnificant imposter.

Let all what comes in the name of Jesus, and shows itself nothing else but craftiness, which seeks self; take heed of this picture, and let also the so-called "Christian Political Parties" remember that, if their righteousness is not better than that of secret societies; its lamps shall be proven to be torches of obscure darkness.

What does it say of itself? Recently the writer discussed with a friend the merits of the Catholic church. He claimed that the said church anulled the laws of the land. To this I agreed but held that there were others who were even more bold to disregard the laws. Being asked as to these parties, I inquired into his connection to masonry. Learning that he was a Mason it became a very unpleasant duty to inform him that I regarded Masonry as the culprit I had in mind. Not being able to understand this, I reasoned with him in the following manner. Masonry allows her members sexual intercourse with wives and daughters of non-members, but prohibits such with the wives and the daughters of members. Also, if a brother mason commits a crime it is the duty of the other masons to protect him against the law of the land. In both instances Masonry uproots the laws of God and of man making them void and of no effect.

The above indicates the inclinations of Masonry, its hidden thot expressing its exaltation above all what is called God and Man. This, hidden thot is frequently met in the suggestion of ideas advanced to the foolish, ignorant and weak church member, that this "gracious brotherhood" represents the "ideal church" and does replace the "unreal" church.

With such statements, with the Bible in their halls, and its titles wherewith they name each other; Masonry seeks to pass as a religious body, although its main objects are obvious the secular. Masonry has in the latter years set itself up as a grasping power, vehemently and strenuously competing with Rome for the mastery of the world. How much Masonry had to do with the world war, is rather a point of speculation and a subject of study, and perhaps no one shall ever fully know how much of the responsibility may be

placed upon its broad shoulders. This fact is certain, that at the nearing close of the inhuman struggle, Masonry predicted that it would be a great factor in the coming peace negotiations. It has been circulated in the Press that Kaiser William claims he was dethroned by Masonry, for the only reason that he did not belong to any secret organization. How much truth there is in this statement, we do not know, but this is sure, Masonry sets itself up as an advocate of peace, but if the secret chambers could expose the truth, Masonry would not be found to be the sweet angel it delights to represent and to honor.

Before we close this particular point of study, we must meditate upon another comparison between light and darkness, between Christ and Masonry. The Bible is our authority that Jesus Christ came to seek the poor, the maimed, the weak, the lost, the straying, the discarded, while we have innumerable proofs about us that Masonry seeks the rich, the healthy, the strong, the renown, the gallant, the honorable, and that its great ones are the magnificent ones of the world, its rulers, its kings and its vassals. In these few points it is more or less shown what secret organism says of itself, and our next point in order is now:

What does it purport to be? In the foregoing we became acquainted with the fact that the rich and the powerful of the earth constitute the soul, the backbone and the essence of Masonry, controlling perhaps all, at least nearly all of the so-called christian nations. They make and they break the law, deeming themselves masters exalted above subscribing to their own commandments. In some cases they pass laws calculated to ensnare an easily yielding opposition, sometimes they find the opposition stronger and even able to overcome their political plotting.

A reader of Scripture is aware of the fact that such conditions are very similar to conditions prevailing in the regimes of the kings of Babylon and of the kings of the Medes and Persians. There it also was a secret council of evilplotters which plunged the world into calamities or destroyed the peaceful existence of their own civil government, people and subjects and nearly always with a tendency to destroy the people of the Lord. The prophet Daniel in his sixth chapter exposes such a political plot, planned by the powerful rulers to destroy Daniel and his pre-eminence. This plot was a political frame up, mixed with religion.

The "modern world" then consisting of the powerful kingdom of the Medes and Persians, who, under their king Cyrus had just conquered Babylon mixed politics and religion in order to undo the Lord of heaven. We see these plotters fail landing in the place where they intended to lead Daniel. If their bold and wicked scheme had succeeded, we would never have heard of the man

Daniel, and because Daniel stood in the great strength of Jehovah, Who to-day is yet the same, no christian should ever fear the enticing snares of the magnificent political and religious world-plotters, knowing that God shall everlastingly, uphold the man who fully trusts in Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, Who considers His enemies lighter than a speck of dust upon the balance. To-day, the lords of the magnificent modern world hatch their schemes and plots along different lines. The pious world of to-day tries to ensnare God's people in religious plots which are worked out in politics. Mighty efforts the rulers of to-day make to discredit God. Bold schemes are schemed to dethrone the Almighty. The plots are deeper now than ever before, for the wisdom has enlarged itself, and the rulers are closer connected than ever before. To pluck God from His seat many and beautiful excuses are given. Behold the wise rulers in conclave at Geneva. Wonderful laws, beautiful measures, bright commandments, fine regulations, great statutes, and strange precepts may erelong be the joy and the hope of a broken down world, which is prepared to fling the last vestige of the remembrance of God far from it. The plot is secret, and many a plotter does not understand the meaning of it all. Yes, in Geneva where the pure came from, from that same Geneva comes now the impure which rules to-day the entire christian world, and what is not identified with this great last movement of the religious God opposing forces, will sooner or later perhaps be the magnificent king of it all. Yes, and how many non-secret society men have a seat with the rulers of this wise and yet so extremely imprudent gathering? O, Yes. Babylon is to day sitting at Geneva, and the king of Babylon is again in the "plain of Dura" erecting a colossal image of gold. What this image typifies we will try to make clear while considering our next question.

What is its aim?

We read in Daniel 3 that king Nebuchadnezar made an image of gold. The very first thing which we must remember is the fact that this particular king is the head of the confederated world of civilization of the long ago. This image was of a very proportious size, beautifully made, and, according to some a likeness of the king himself. Its purpose was obvious. Glittering and sparkling in the brilliant lustre of a glorious eastern sun, standing upright in its magnificence in the broad expanse of the plain of Dura, the king and his lords in splendor and pomp gathered about it, and the hordes of the people scattered about, all in due time, upon a sign of the king, bringing homage to this image is the very idea of "man" edification. And, of course, they who had a better conception and a higher aim for exaltation, they, of course, found a place prepared for them which only deep sunken mankind could conceive. History repeats

itself. Behold Geneva. The kings of the earth, the great wise men, the lords of the glorious christian civilized modern world are convened upon the memorable plain in the shades of the Alps considering the establishment of an imperishable world empire. There is no king as yet, but when he cometh he will order the erection of a magnificent image which will put to shame the brilliant glory of old king Nebuchadnezar. The world is to-day again centralizing itself, as in the days of Nebuchadnezar, and as in the days of the building of the tower of Babylon. The head which was "wounded by a sword" is restored, and "lives." (Read Revelation 13.) As soon as this king assumes command over kings, peoples, kingdoms and countries life shall be given to the image to which to-day the lords and masters of the modern world bring homage. To perceive a fleeting shadow of this king and his image let us consider our next question.

What is its success?

Secret societies in their heathen rites do not only use the Bible, but their titles which they bestow one upon another are taken from the same holy writ. For instance: Priest, High Priest, Master, Grand Master, Deacons and Chaplains besides calling their halls temples, which shows their religious pretentions. That they, in their father, Masonry, have grasped the earth and its fulness, is plainly evident in the attitude of its great, rich and influential wise men who are now gathered together in conclave at Geneva propounding the establishment of their coveted "Secret Empire" which they seek to found above the clouds. We have looked at this "secret empire," or the League of Nations, from many various angles, and therefore deem it unnecessary to dwell upon it here. Only, perhaps, one question might be asked. Shall the League stand as it is now?

Many things seem to point to a change of "directing forces" within this wondrous achievement of men. As it is now; England, France and Italy control, while the main might and strength of the modern world, abhors to identify itself with it. America and Germany are yet standing out. Germany in part and America entirely, have never been under the power of the fourth beast of Daniel 7 like the Roman Empire, but, as it seems to me, they for their own reasons where plunged into this wicked conflict, the great war, awakened by the lust for gold and the glory of the Secret Empire, which, in Scriptural language, makes them partakers of the troubles and "great tribulations" of the last days.

From indications we may gather that soon America and Germany will be added to the grand total. Wilson's idea of the League of Nations, as it stands now, was not wanted in America, but President Harding's idea, will, in spite of all opposition be con-

sidered the very proper thing for which the poor world was so anxiously waiting, being nicely brought to "terms" by wise men like Root, ex-President Taft, Hughes and others, they, being Masons and the "horns or blow pipes" of Wall Street, the International Banking houses presided over by the genius Mr. Morgan. There is the lurking power of Japan, the boisterous bolsheviki of Russia, the bursting power of England, the sweet siren song of Humanism, the yellow danger, the immense riches of America, the ruin of Europe, the brotherhood of man, the secret power, and many more valuable reasons which will induce America to erelong bind its existence upon the corrupt piers of murdered and murderous Europe. It stands to reason also that America, which did so much to save the world and democracy, will this time expect something in return. And what shall that be? Can that be the presidency of the confederated christian world? Who can tell? We are at this moment not interested how and in what manner and shape "secret Masonry" shall accomplish this, (for we perhaps are better enlightened why president Wilson's policy of "Open covenants openly arrived at" failed more miserably than, maybe, Wilson himself) but we would like to see, if possible, a glimpse of the results of the mighty combinations.

Revelation 13 speaks, as we have seen, of the making of an image. This particular image is unlike that of Nebuchadnezzar. It is not manufactured from precious gold in its material form, but from much more precious material consisting of intellectualism, spiritualism, gifts, heavenly endowments, religion, bound together into the so much meaning word HUMANISM. It is made after the likeness of the ruling king, as per example given by Nebuchadnezar, repeated by the Roman Ceasars, and practised by the great type of Anti-Christ, Antiochus Epiphanus, (Math 24:15.) The great king, in accord with his predecessors caused all who believed in him to receive his mark, (as secret societies practise), and whosoever refuses to worship his image (Humanism) he does kill, as did his forefather.

It seems to me, secret organism will erelong control the religious world as well as it already controls the political world. The Catholic church seems to be its only enemy and opposition, Scripture says: "A kingdom divided cannot stand." And, as long as satan is unable to re-unite the opposing parties into one so long this kingdom, the secret empire with its kings and image, cannot come, and as Scripture says: "cannot have "LIFE." How strange it may seem, I think that Masonry and the Roman Catholic church with its own secret orders, will, at the appointed time unite into that formidable antagonistic organization which will bring forth the great liar, the super-human man, who is identified in Scripture as the Anti-Christ, who will try to chase God from His seat, meaning to establish his own throne above the very clouds, from which satan could root him

at his pleasure, for that again is the only aim this person has, and he uses God's own best and purest production to gain his end.

The foregoing needs no explanation. Scripture reveals the fact, that, in the latter days, the days of our beautiful civilized christian modern world will be so utterly dark, so wrought up in "secretness" that the whole world shall degenerate, collapse, and apostatize completely from God and His commands, and the cowardly doctrine of Humanism, and the blurred religion of man-edification will have so totally demoralised the masses as well as the classes that God is bound to come to put a stop to the unspeakable and horrid blasphemy. Yet to-day, secret organism, and especially Masonry comes boldly forward with its pretentious claim, "See here, here is the Christ," and at the same time denies God and His Son, the Christ.

In the next chapter we shall again come in contact with secret organism which we wish to behold from different points of view.

CHAPTER FIFTEEN

The Anti-Christ.

And as troops of robbers wait for a man, so the company of priests murder in the way by consent; for they commit lewdness. Hosea 6:9.

I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High. Isaiah 14:14.

And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming. Even him; whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders. 2 Thes 2:8, 9.

Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is anti-Christ that denieth the Father and the Son. 1 John 2:22.

Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is the Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false prophets, and shall show great signs; insomuch that, if it were possible, they deceive the very elect. Math 24:23, 24.

And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them; and power was given him over all kindred, and tongues and nations. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred three score and six. (666.) Revelation 13:6, 7, 18.

And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great. Rev. 16:21

And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth and is out of the seven, and goeth into perdition. Rev 17:11.

And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that hath received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. Rev 19:20.

Scripture describes the culmination of iniquity and unrighteousness bound together as "the man of sin" and therefore it seemingly lays stress upon the fact that one person shall represent the whole spirit and all forces of all whatsoever opposes God. This man, no doubt, shall be intellectualism personified holding the reins of the wishes and opinions of the majorities in his hands, bending them to his purpose. If we behold him in the light of Scriptures, we see him a fearful, wicked, sinister, merciless, hard hearted, evil man, but if we glance at him with an intellectual eye void of the fear of God, he will appear a very shrewd, wise, learned, able man, very pious, indeed, a great christian who is able to mislead the clergy and christendom in general. Christian religious publications and the pulpit shall glory in "the wonderman" who shall bring peace, prosperity and harmony to the people who are in the uttermost despair for these so very much desired and coveted attributions. None of these shall think it worth while to perceive that he is nothing but a vehement God and Christ denier and a thoroughbred God hater. It seems to me he shall be a Master Brother Mason, coming in the full power of Secretism, having the sanction of the church, the Roman Catholic church included.

But who is this man?

The first eight verses of Revelation 13 speak of a beast coming out of the sea. The four beasts of Daniel 7 are identified in this one beast. What Daniel saw in four, John beheld in one. That this beast comes out of the sea means that the peoples of the earth produce it, or in plain language, this beast is nothing else but the very political situation of our boasted christian civilization, or, the beautiful modern world, whose wise heads are now at council at Geneva to fulfil Revelation 17:17. It is obvious, the attitude of these great counselers is such, and circumstances are made to appear in such a light that men and things comprehend the need of a person who is able to lead the world out of the besetting difficulties into which they have placed themselves. All of them shall gladly avail themselves of the opportunity to present an able man with absolute control over all things, conditions and places, they shall willingly serve him in their capacities of rulers of kingdoms and dominions, hoping thereby to be delivered from their own cunning, deceit and lying. This man, or such a man as soon as he appears shall be honored by the great wise men of the earth as the "President of the Confederated World," or some title fitting the high office.

To have a look upon this president, king or potentate, kindly read carefully Revelation 13:11 to the end.

In the eleventh verse St. John informs us that he beheld a beast coming up out of the earth, which had two horns, like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon, (satan).

Our attention is arrested by the fact that this beast comes out of the earth, while the first beast of the same chapter came out of the sea. The earth, it is true, denotes "solidness" in opposition to sea which pictures "instability." By "solidness" we comprehend; intellectualism, religion, culture, civilization, christianity which, without God; produces HUMANISM, or MAN—edification. Out of these beautiful inventions of mankind now comes this beast, man, setting forth the fact that he has a firm and full grip upon these classifications.

The second thing boldly standing out by the appearance of this beast, and which calls for our special attention, is the fact that he has "two horns." "Horns" in Scripture always allude to power, might, strength. This beast has two, and St. John adds, they look like the horns of a lamb. Evidently, the great Revealer must have seen "a lamb with horns" before, and now he calls our attention to what he has told us in chapter 5 verse 6. In that verse John describes "a slaughtered lamb having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God."

In "seven" is no death. Henoch the seventh from Adam walked with God, and, was no more. The seven horns of the slaughtered lamb (Christ) are symbolic of the seven powers of God. God is complete in seven, seven is holy, full, seven is God. This beast is an imitator of Christ. He needs therefore "horns" (power) but he does not need seven no, he is full, complete in "two," and therefore he has only two horns. These two horns represent the two great world powers whereby man rules the earth. He, the beast has these upon his head, showing that these two world powers will be centered in him. And which are these two great powers? What else can they be but the State and the Church, or, politics and religion, or, yet closer identified The League of Nations and the Interchurch World Movement? In due time and season, the coming great man shall sway his mighty scepter in the political world as well as in the religious world, as is plainly indicated in the foregoing and proved by Revelation 17:12, 13 and 17. This is in short the unwholesome story of the apostate church representing the catholic as well as the protestant denominations, and of the blind and foolhardy world.

God has revealed unto us in His Word seven names or identification marks for this above alluded to beast (man), who will, when he comes, try to unseat God Almighty to show fallen mankind that "MAN is God."

The king of the modern world, who in due season shall sway his scepter of universally acknowledged authority over the so-called christian world, has seven names, which is a token that he also comes as an angel of light, deceiving by the "seven" the people who will glorify him and exalt him as the MAN-GOD, but there is only one mishap about this seven: he is identified with "ten," the number of the world.

Scripture itself calls attention to these seven names, and therefore it behooves us to enumerate them here:

(1). The Second Beast, Rev 13:11.
(2). The Number of Man, Rev 13:18.
(3). The Little Horn, Dan 7:8.
(4). The Man of Sin, 2 Thes 2:3.
(5). The Eighth King, Rev 17:11.
(6). The False Prophet, Rev 19:20.
(7). The Anti-Christ, 1 John 2:18.

To properly meditate upon this coming great man, of whom Jesus, to His not believing church, said: "One is coming in his own name, him ye shall believe;" we shall endeavor to unfold a few thoughts, or facts, about the seven names, which, considered together will illustrate the abnormality and depravity of deep fallen mankind, with its complete and absolute hatred of God, and its absurd pride and envy which the Supreme Ruler confounds at the very moment mankind thinks to have gained the coveted thing for which it has labored, yearned and fought the entire period of the six thousand years of its existence.

(1). THE SECOND BEAST.

A beast is assuredly unfit company for God or men, and God, by picturing, the Anti-Christ as a beast demonstrates His abhorance of the "impure and unclean," but mankind does consider this person the brightness, the fulness and the glory of "the race," as is shown in Revelation 17:12, 13, 17, where this person receives the full political power, the pomp and prestige of the beautiful christian modern world. These verses simply illustrate the fact that the time will be when the people shall believe in the political State, or in "democracy." It is as if we hear the grant slogan of the great war yet ringing in our ears "Make the world a safe place for DEMOCRACY." And, did not the entire so-called christian world put their kings aside, setting up a federacy of nations? This, of course, was the work of said beast. Besides producing such an immense state as "the brotherhood of man;" he also is instrumental of letting "fire" come down from heaven. This wonderful fire, I think, conducted the poor world to the gracious glory she now beholds in her pretty "universal democracy." Did anybody ever see more fire upon this world than the fire burning in the great world war? Did this beast not make the people say: "This is a righteous war?" Was it not miraculous that the people said this while they hated this very thing in their very souls with a hatred words cannot describe? Was it not a much meaning wonder that even the churches, the pastors proclaimed this inhuman slaughter of the innocent, a righteous war? Do you not consider that a "miracle?" Think once. Look at this carnage of man, the conflagration of the whole earth, is it not a wonder, by second thought, that any man ever dared to call this whole wicked hell-scheme, righteous?

The great world war was enacted in the sight of the first beast, the colossal, magnificent modern world, or, the old Roman Empire, which now is in its last state of decay, representing the Germanic-Slavonic Empire, which is the "seventh head" or the head which "wounded with the sword"' was healed, which again refers to the restoration of the old Roman Empire under one head. This head, wise and pious, counsels the "earth dwellers" to make an image, and really an image of himself, as his pre-Ceasars used to do. Furthermore we read that this beast has power to give life to this very image, the image representing his own reflection in Masonry which is nothing but pure HUMANISM. Like as his example, king Nebuchadnezar, he also flings the ones who do not obey his commands in the oven burning with a very hot fire. (In our next chapter we intend to dwell upon this point a little longer).

Verses 16 and 17 of this very interesting chapter of Revelation 13 inform us that the "subjects" of this beast receive an identification mark. Identification marks are the symbols of secret societies whereby member recognizes member, and by this mark do they now nearly control commerce, finance, industry and whatsoever is worth while of their ambitions. They actually do the selling and the buying, monopolising all commodities of life, and it is indeed as much as an impossibility to amount to anything anywhere without this mark. This beast accomplishes this, which is in glowing contrast of the way of God, who says to His people: "Lo, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Isaiah 55:1. Surely, this is cheap, easy, rich, sweet and accommodating and is in flagrant opposition to the abnormal prices charged for things which have no value whatsoever, and are notwithstanding controlled and monopolised by the powers ruling in secretness, who live in excess and prohibit the poor to receive their earned and square deal.

Christ himself calls our attention to these hard things and this bad state of affairs, for St. John says in the 18th verse: "Here is Wisdom. Let him that has understanding count the number of this beast; for it is the number of a man; and his number is six hundred three score and six, (666). Number 666 is the "second name" which we intend to consider for a moment.

(2) THE NUMBER OF MAN. (666)

In preceding pages we saw that the number "seven" represents the fulness of God. The Lord says here: "Man is 6 and again 6 and 6 again.

Six is nearly seven, and still it is not seven and can never attain to seven. This is the fact that the Lord, it seems to me wishes to impress upon our mind, and therefore He uses the 6 three times.

Man is so apt to consider himself extremely important, and, as the highest of God's creatures; he, assuredly has reason a plenty to glorify, but not in himself, but in his God alone.

When Lucifer, the Son of the morning, the angel of light, refused to bring homage to "The Angel of the Lord" The Son of God and was therefore thrust from his High Estate, he, knowing parts of God's plan wandered throughout the earth and found Adam and Eve in all their beauty in the just created wonderful glorious garden. Being himself fallen from God, he schemed the fall of these pretty beings also, intending to injure the Most High and ensnaring mankind into a wicked plot of co-operation against God, their Maker. To accomplish his ends he studied innocent man and soon found his weak spot. Appearing to Eva in his wonderful garb of "the angel of light," with his heavenly voice appealingly inquiring of her regarding the words of their great Creator; he succeeded in touching the snare of jealousy which awoke the desire to be like unto God. As we have seen; God is seven, man was but little less, but he was six. Now, "so advised the seducer;" now Eva, take of this very tree which God forbade you to touch, and believe me you will be like unto God, that is, seven. We know the history, God came down and made it soon very plain that they were "six" just the same. So horrid, wicked jealousy, the sin of the devil, is also the sin of mankind, which is humanism in its first and in its last stage. This picture unfolds the first "6" of the three sixes.

Let us now have a look upon "6" number two.

The temptation upon the mountain is a brilliant illustration of satan's ideas and intentions. O how he desires to conquer God; O what a deep founded scheme to unthrone the Almighty. He even imagines himself as the One able to dispose of kingdoms according to his will. Yes, and he is king of the world. O that God's people could see that a little better. Yes, he is king of the world, but not of God, nor of His kingdom, and he is king of the world as long as it lasts. But upon the said mountain, he introduces himself to Jesus, the man, as number seven, hoping to have his "paradise" success even at this late date.

Realizing his utter failure with Jesus, the man, he leaves Him and stirs up the entire civilized modern world of that time against this man Jesus Christ of Whom he is now sure that He is "The Son of the Living God," or in our words, number "seven."

Listen to his clinging remarks to the great Roman Empire, the sweltering political power which conquered the earth. Behold how he glorifies them, how he tickles their pride, how cunningly he teaches them that they are the Supreme rulers of the world, and are therefore filled with and have attained political perfectness and entitled to be considered "seven."

Listen to the philosophy wherewith he beguiles the wonderful learned Grecians, the world of conquered "Intellectualism." There is no people upon the globe like they. They are wise, learned, cultured, refined, civilized. All of the world look feverish to them for ideas, for expressions, for meditations, for things no one else ever thought of or was able to think of, to conceive and to bring forth. Yes, he says: In your philosophy, you have regained the God's mark, you are complete, there is no blemish upon you, you are number seven.

Listen to the theology with which he inflames the simple minded, the self loving, the prattling, the unsignificant, the objectable and objecting sons of Abraham, the miserable Jewish race! O, but here he is in his element, religion, religion. Nothing, no nothing upon God's splendid earth, no nothing is, and nothing can compare with religion. Religion, O religion, in religion alone can man climb up to God. In religion man may speak with his Maker, may abide with Him, may see Him, may glorify Him, and, O God, how strange; may curse Him. In religion, yes in religion alone is it thought possible to climb above the clouds, fly into heaven and fling the Almighty from the throne. And behold, that is the aim of satan, and lo, that is the aim of man. Satan imitator of God, and man imitator of satan. How fearful and O my God; how true! Here with the Jews, here he shall, after all conquer the one who refuted him upon the mountain. O, but see how he magnifies these sons of Abraham, how pious they really are. "Look at Christ" he says: "He is only a dirty uncultured, religion-killing, miserable son of the carpenter of Nazareth," "He is a vile associate of stinking fishers." "He says He is God, and he is nothing but a blasphemer." They are the children of Abraham and subsequently know things and religion better than a lowly prattler, who calculates to upset the rules, laws and regulations of the elders who are the powers to be according to the dictations of their great Moses, the law giver. See how he confounds their theology. Behold how he induces Israel to place itself above God and His Son their own, even their own Messiah. Did he succeed in making Israel believe that it was in all sincerity number seven? Who is the man who doubts that? And how did Jesus answer these three mighty pretenders for the honor of God? And how did He meet the charge of civilized society? Just as He was wont, He met these overawing, overbearing boasters by simply proving them that they were brawling, degenerated, baseless, slanderous, ungodly, wisdom lacking people, fallen from God and therefore not seven, but six, that is deprived mankind, but that He, and He alone was the bread of life, the manna from heaven, the Son of the living God, innocent, pure, holy, perfect, which is "seven." We know the story. In contempt they assembled and convened in Priest's palaces and in potentates courts to denounce the Holy One deeming Him fit only for the cross of shame. Behold the joy of

hell, behold the bedlam of the earth. Christ dead. Christ buried. O what glory, but, lo, the gloom, the hopeless doom, the monstrous spector appearing unto them when Christ awoke the third day and smote death, hell and grave, conquering the enemy satan, the perverter, the tempter of the mountain. Yes, O yes, hell knows and mankind can know that the resurrection proved Christ "seven" and men only "six."

Did satan and mankind take these lessons to heart? O no. Behold "6" number three.

The great war is the fulfilling of Psalm 2:1, and verse two is now in operation at Geneva, where the mighty leaders of mankind gather to set up and crown their chosen one king of the christian civilized modern world. Guided and directed by his father, satan, he shall vainly attempt to reach heaven and dispose of God and of the Christ, imagining himself to be the proper and suiting god of man, who as "seven" shall rule supreme on earth as well as in heaven. But Psalm 2:4 says: "He that sitteth in heaven shall laugh, the Lord shall have them, (king and satan) in derision" placing them alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone, Revelation 19:20. This will undo the political world, will uproot intellectualism, will destroy false religion, which are bound together in christian civilization. This act of God shall prove to satan and his followers that God is seven, and man "six hundred three score and six, or 666," and that this last attempt to reach heaven along a self chosen path is futile, bringing upon man the awful wrath and the righteous condemnation of a provoked and indignant Judge. Three times having reached out to be God and three times to have failed, indeed man born of woman is only 666.

The third name upon which we wish to reflect a few moments is the name of

3. "THE LITTLE HORN." DANIEL 7:8.

This chapter begins, "in the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream." Then it relates how he saw four great beasts come up from the sea. (peoples) Out of the sea, (heathen peoples) came these four wild beasts, or, four great and mighty, God opposing political States, Kingdoms or Empires. The first was a lion, (The World Empire of Nebuchadnezzar.) The second like as a bear. (The World Empire of Media Persia.) The third like a leopard. (The World Empire of Greece under Alexander the great) and, the fourth was such a fearful monster, such a terrible destroyer, and such an awful wild beast that he was unable to find under the wild animals anything approaching its fearfulness. This beast was the world empire of the Romans, or the kingdom of iron. Upon this ugly creature he beheld ten horns, showing that in the last stage this kingdom should be a divided kingdom, being split in many besides ten great world powers. The Roman Empire, being

the sixth head of the first beast of Revelation 13; slided over into the seventh head, or World Empire of the Germanic Slavonic kingdom at the taking of Rome by Odoacar, king of the Barbarian Goths, in the year 477 A. D. (The ten horns are identified with the ten toes of the image of king Nebuchadnezzar.)

Daniel pays special attention to this fourth beast, and particularly upon the "seventh head" upon which were ten horns and beholds the coming of a "little horn." Watching this wonderful little horn he saw it pluck up three of the other horns by the roots. These three horns were upon the seventh head, the Germanic Slavonic Empire, or the kingdoms of our time. A few years ago, there were in Europe still three recognized crowned heads who had at least some semblance of kingly authority. Where are they to-day? Are they not "rooted up by the roots" by a mighty power in which we to-day recognize "democracy?" Is not the Czar of the Russians murdered, the Kaiser of Germany a wood splitter in Holland? and the king of Austria Hungaria, where is he? Daniel saw these three kings plucked up by the roots, denoting a very unkind act. Was the cry, Make the world safe for democracy," a peace trumpet? Was that great murderous war, the horror of the age a friendly transaction between the jealous parties who aspired to a "World Empire?" Did not the "little horn" have something to do with it? Even if he is as yet not, his spirit surely guides the "better getting world" to its destination at which he aims. Where does this little horn come from? Perceivable, he is the mightiest of these mighty horns, and yet he is called "little." That he is little, shows that he does not come from royal blood, like the others, but that he, even as his type, "Antiochus Epiphanus" comes from low origin. Assuredly he comes out of democracy, people's rule, the half plus one, in which God has nothing to say, which now directs the world powers at Geneva, from whence to-day the world expects a great savior, the little horn, which will speak, and does speak great things against the Most High, wearing out the saints of the Most High, changing times and laws. These things are now in operation. Read the so-called "Higher Critics." Behold Humanism. Go to the courts and take notice how this spirit, the spirit of the little horn with the "eyes of man and a mouth speaking great things" annuls the first law of God—"marriage," with the result that human beings live together as the beasts of the field. Perceive the wizards, the soothsayers of which the country is full. O, democracy; bolsheviki, which is the same, O democracy, out of thee alone it is possible that this little horn can come forth! Democracy, people's rule, yes, and no GOD'S RULE at all. The "little horn" before he appears has his spirit preparing the way before him, in this he follows also the Christ. And that he is very successful even the church of to-day is witness.

The fourth name to be considered is the name of

4. THE MAN OF SIN. THESSALONIANS 2:3.

St. Paul in the above quoted epistle explains to the church of Jesus Christ the presence of two opposing armies battling for mastery. At the appointed time God would take one power out of the way, giving "evil" in its full force and capacity, an opportunity to manifest itself in "unrighteousness" revealing and blossoming forth in "The Man of Sin." This shows that the Holy Spirit once given to the church would be taken away from the church because she herself would apostatize so generally that it would not be possible for God to let His Holy Spirit longer dwell with the corrupt children of man. And is the church of Jesus Christ to-day not apostatizing in an awful manner? Did the church of Jesus Christ protest when one so-called great Doctor made a "Hero of Faith" of a minister of the gospel who discarded the pulpit for a position as editor of a milk and water proposition? Did the church raise one finger of warning when this so-called "servant of the Lord" was made a "Hero of Faith" when he had succeeded in gathering the dollars of the pious? Did the church say one, even one small word when the so much boasted of "God is with us" christian publication proved to be nothing but "Flunky-dom?" No. Why not? Because she has put herself into the whirlpool of worldliness.

The "man of sin," or, "the son of perdition" is an apostate of the church. He shall be the special appointed man by satan, who will see to it that he receives all the power on earth. Political power as well as religious power. The "lie" is his power, in opposition to the "truth" of God. St. Paul beheld this lying power working, he calls it "the mystery of iniquity." This mystery of iniquity has nearly conquered the entire christian civilization, and is in our day gathering all strength to bring forth this man of sin who shall try to seat himself upon the throne of truth. The "mystery of iniquity" What else can it represent, what else does it specify but secret organism, Masonry? Does not Masonry elects itself upon the throne of truth setting to nought the church of the living God? and is to-day not so-called christianity identified and dissolved into Secretism? Does not Secretism oppose God? Has Masonry not almost eclipsed religion? Is not Masonry religion? Does Masonry not deny God and His Christ? Is therefore Masonry not a lie? The Lie? This "man of sin" Paul says comes "after the working of satan." Now who is satan? The king of the World, giving the kingdoms of the world to whomsoever he will, Luke 4:6. The man-murderer from the beginning, and the father of "The Lie." So we perceive that through the lie, he prepares the kingdoms of the earth, and gives them to the by him appointed and crowned MAN.

Just like as the "little horn" roots up three kings, before he appears, so does the "man of sin" (his spirit) reduce christianity by apostatizing to a mere religious pretention which is willing to crown the one which she ought to abhor.

The "falling away" period, long in preparation is the final state of apostacy represented by the "Laodicean church." This church imagines itself rich, and does not know that is wretchedly poor. It is hot nor cold, just as its miserable leaders, the pastors, who declare themselves servants of the Lord, and who prove themselves "angels" which the Lord will spew out of His mouth, for they are hot nor cold, blind and naked, and in the truest sense of the word: "Blind leaders leading the blind." Are these blind leaders, who as wandering stars flicker and glimmer in the heavens, able and willing to "prove the spirits" whether they are from God or not? Will they not rather glory in the "man of sin" when he as an extremely pious, wise, great leader appears before the world as the "king of peace?" Only he, who, by the grace of Christ has his eyes "anointed with eyesalve," he alone is able to comprehend the situation now in preparation. God may grant us this grace.

The fifth name by which we intend to stand still is the name which denotes political pomp which speaks in:

5. "THE EIGHTH KING." REVELATION 17:11.

The Patmos Seer reviewing the political situation sums up and says: "There are seven kings, five are fallen, one is, and one must yet come, and when he cometh, he must continue a short space, Revelation 17:10. We have named these seven kings once before to do justice to our study we are obliged to name them again. They are: "Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medea and Persia, Greece. These were fallen when John wrote this. One is: This is the Roman Empire in which time John lived, and the one, (then) yet to come, is the present christian modern world, divided into ten, and known as the Germanic Slavonic Empire," which appeared in the year 477, mentioned before, and which is at the same time the "broken head of one of the seven."

We beheld in the Roman Empire the fourth beast of Daniel, and in the ten horns thereof the split-up condition of the modern world, which England tries to stick together and enlarge into a titantic world Empire, reorganizing the old Roman Empire, heading the same with the old system of ONE Ceasar. Internationalism and humanism are the two main channels by which the Empire-builder is working. The old system improved according to modern rules and reorganized per advisement, enlightened civilization will, at its time, produce the so strongly coveted kingdom of the heavenly "Parliament of MAN, representing kingdom number eight, which shall have for its king a superman called here in our verse "The Eighth King," which is called "beast" which goeth down into perdition." This beast or "king" is the same as spoken of in Revelation 13:11. The christian world, our boasting modern world shall consider him an unconquerable potentate, singing his praises, glorifying him saying: "Who is like unto this our great king? Who can

war against this valiant mighty Lord? "worshipping him in their vain imagination of security and safety, which at the same moment they behold it is a tottering plastered whitewashed monument of failure. Verses 11, 12, 13 and 17 of this chapter 17 prove the truth of the above, and its doom is written in Revelation 19:17 to the end. The Eighth King represents the political power of the beast symbolized in one of the horns upon the beast of Revelation 13:11, the religious power being symbolized by the name of False Prophet, or the sixth name, which we now will consider.

(6) THE FALSE PROPHET.

The sixth name, "False Prophet" Revelation 16:13, Rev 19:20, Rev 20:10.

Revelation 16:13 speaks of three "frog-like" unclean spirits coming out of the mouth of dragon (satan), the beast, (the political state), and the false prophet (church). Reading further it is evident that these three unclean spirits are "lying spirits," speaking a social, political and religious lie intending to arrange these three in battle array against the Lord of Truth.

The second beast of Revelation 13 is here called "false prophet." specifying his religious inclinations. We observed him as "The Eighth King" ruling over the political world, and now, in opposition to the true prophet (Christ), he is the false prophet, (Anti-Christ).

Christ is king, priest and prophet, and so is Anti-Christ, king, priest and prophet. Anti-Chrsit is king of the world, priest of his church, which he instructs regarding his image, and prophet who makes "fire" come down from heaven. In preceding chapters we have discussed these three features and therefore it does not appear to be necessary to dwell at any length upon it here. In his capacity as king he misleads politics, as priest and prophet religion, indicating that the apostate church will not recognize him in his true light, no more than that the church refused to recognize the true prophet. Just as the church and its friend, the world, refused to attach themselves once to the true prophet from heaven and abstained to honor Him and bring Him homage, so shall both of them now honor, obey and bring homage and bind themselves unto the false prophet from the earth who comes in his own name. The true church, or the awakened five virgins shall have no communion with nor part in the world system of man edification, but shall be gathered and go into the "marriage of the Lamb." The Anti-Christ, false prophet of the "Inter Church World Movement" and "king of the League of Nations" is the "beast" with the two horns, symbolizing these two mighty powers, politics and religion.

The seventh name which now appears to be in order to be considered is the real name denoting absolute opposition to the Christ, the Son of the living God, and is therefore called Anti-Christ, 1 John 2:18, 22.

(7) ANTI-CHRIST.

This person shall be considered by mankind the zenith of its glory. As a man opposing Christ he must be a very imposing personality. The attributes of satan shall be at his command. The entire power of the world, political, intellectual, financial, religious, social, shall be in his hands, shall be at his mercy. As the "false prophet" he shall speak great things against the Almighty, Daniel 11:36. As priest he shall dictate the erection of an image Revelation 13:15. As king he shall direct the battle against heaven, and as Anti-Christ he shall try to ascend above the clouds to dethrone the Creator of the Universe. His abnormal power shall be centered in "secretness," called by Scripture "darkness." He shall unite the church and the world giving this unity the doctrine of Humanism. His actions are in contrast with the actions and words of Christ. Was Christ a Jew; out of the Jewish Church? Anti-Christ shall be a christian coming out of the christian church. His rule shall be supreme, considered to be "super-human" and his word shall be law. In his regime the emptiness of the present shall be appalling, the burning of fear of the present will be intensified. Wholesale murder shall be god, billows of gloom shall overpower men, indignation and wrath shall eat the people, catastrophies shall depress the multitudes, tribulations shall drown the hordes. God's grace shall be gone. His curse shall be upon all who do not fear Him, and unhappy mankind shall curse God and consider it still possible to reclaim itself. Agony shall speak in the eye of man, anguish shall strangle them, and the usurping power shall still speak great words to the Almighty, thereby thinking to allay the fear and the hate of the misled multitudes. The real situation shall be unspeakable and unutterable, easier to be imagined than to be pictured, and the Bible-student shall do well to heed the signs of the times.

We beheld, Anti-Christ coming like his Father satan, with seven and also with the ever present "ten." The "ten" attributes of Anti-Christ are his identification marks, which are easily traced by the great type, Antiochus Epiphanus, to whom Christ calls our attention in Mathew 24:15. These ten marks are:

(1). Exalting and magnifying himself above God, Dan 11:36.

(2). A covenant breaker, Dan 11:23.

(3) Pollute the church, Dan 11:31.

(4). Persecute the true children of God, Dan 11:31.

(5). Corrupt God's people by flatteries, Dan 11:32.

(6). Be supreme ruler for a period, Dan 11:42, 43.

(7). He comes out of the plain people, Democracy, Dan 11:21.

(8). He becomes chief ruler by corruptness, might and flatteries, Dan 11:22.

(9). He shall rule 1260 days, or 42 months, or 3 and one-half years, Dan 12:11, and Rev 13:5, and Dan 7:25.

(10). He shall be uprooted by the Almighty, Rev 19:20 and Dan 11:45.

CHAPTER SIXTEEN

Persecution.

Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you; and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. Math 24:9, 10.

Hear the word of the Lord, ye children of Israel, for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood. Hosea 4:1, 2.

And he shall speak great words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change times and laws; and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. Dan 7:25.

And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate. Dan 11:31.

And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them; and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. Rev 13:7.

These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage. Jude :16.

Little children, it is the last time; and as ye have heard that anti-christ shall come, even now are there many anti-christs; whereby we know that it is the last time. They went out from us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us; but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. 1 John 2:18, 19.

We have illustrated the darkness of secretism. We beheld this "darkness" and saw that it overwhelmed christianity so fully and completely that it might be considered a "miracle" when a straying beam of light penetrated the awful obscurity. It seemed to us, darkness only lacked a "crown" to be considered the king of the earth. This strange crown, as it appeared to us, was in the making to be soon fitted upon the head of him who stands upon the threshold

of time longingly casting bulging eyes upon the crown representing the power of the world and of the church.

When this king sways his iron scepter over christianity, the trembling glimmer of light illuminating the doom brewing atmosphere will be caught and extinguished at the command of the wonderful king and conquerer who is the principal sworn enemy of light, be it ever so weak and faltering.

Evidently, when the parent of darkness, Free Masonry, holds entire, so-called christianity, in its swarthy paws, having acquired the friendship of erstwhile enemies; no power, or light, from heaven or from the earth will be allowed to sit next, or above nor below the supreme ruler of the universe, but impossible and impractical rules, regulations and measures shall be put in force to banish all what apparently or indeed opposes the will of the king.

Free Masonry and the Catholic Church, the twins of darkness, soon cleverly re-united, shall brood out the longingly desired "superman," and impart their power in his unclean gripping hands.

The great war, mother of war, instrument of instability, producer of chaos, father of ruin, mother of corruptness, child of hell, is the pang of the drunken world in travail bringing forth the son of darkness, the son of secretism, the man of sin, the lawless one, who shall be considered the greatest of man, being the product of a lawless civilization and a Christless christianity, representing the sleeping church and the pious world. The great LIAR shall appear in a cloak of sweetness, flowing and glowing oratory is his bed, clever schemes his table, and bold acts his easychair. Grand shall be his appearance, wonderful his sight, unconquerable his power, strange his grasp upon the world and upon the church, and when enthroned all restraint shall be shaken off, and an absolute obedience shall he ask of the living and of the dead in his domain.

He is the truest imitator of the Syrian king, Antiochus Epiphanus who governed Jerusalem for a period of three years and a half. This king entered Jerusalem through fraud and trickery, and corrupted the opposition with bribes notwithstanding his covenant with the Jews not to enter their city. Flavius Josephus, the Jewish historian points out that when in Jerusalem he placed his image in God's temple, commanding the Jews to reverence it as their God, at the same time prohibiting them to exalt Jehovah, annuling His laws polluting and profaning God's Holy sanctuary and altar, establishing an universal worship of which he proclaimed himself God. No doubt but Jesus calls our attention to this man when in Mathew 24:15 He says: "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, etc" which we can observe in preparation in the christian world, which has lost all of the Christ. This Syrian king murdered the children of God who would not forsake Jehovah the God of their fathers, and this is indeed what the coming christian heathen king undoubtedly will repeat, for the world must be made safe for democracy and bolsheviki, (man-rule) and all semblance of God and

light must be banished from the kingdom of secret obscurity. The church as a whole shall happily glory in the deeds of persecution, and while singing, "Onward christian soldiers" shall deliver those of her sons who refuse to be shackled with a golden chain to the image of the beast. These shall be dark and gloomy days for the children of God, but they have this comfort that the oppression is but for a moment, a small period of time, a sigh of but three years and a half. Dark days indeed, the brother shall deliver the brother, the father the son, and the son the father, and hell shall rejoice thinking to have at last succeeded in gaining the long desired goal.

Both, the prophet Daniel, and John the Patmos Seer speak of "overcoming the saints of the most high places."

Revelation 12:4 speaking of the "dragon" (satan) says: "and his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven; and did cast them to the earth." The apostle Jude speaking of stars (wandering stars) seems to refer to the so-called "ministers of the gospel," which harmonizes with Revelation 1:20 and seems to infer that by the "stars" are meant the saints of the high places. Revelation 12:4 divides these stars in two, one part staying in heaven, and one part falling to the earth, simply implying that these "ministers of the gospel," the fallen ones, are the saints of the most high places who satan is able to overcome, or in other words who he makes his partners in his kingdom of darkness. These are yet "stars" (coming in the name of Jesus) but their works and words are those of the prince of darkness to whom St. Paul in his letter to the Ephesians chapter 6:12 refers as "spiritual wickedness in high places."

Revelation 13:7 says: that the beast, (the political state under the direction of the second beast: Anti-Christ;) made "war" with the saints, "overcoming" them and verse 15 adds "to be killed," which is not said in Daniel 7:21, 25, where overcoming and killing is implied in the words: "and prevailed against them," which is also expressed in Revelation 13-17, and in Daniel 3:6, 20.

Overcoming and killing may be applied in two different ways. As in the case of Revelation 12:4 where satan draws a third of the stars (so-called ministers of the gospel) from heaven (high places) and makes them enemies of the cross of the Christ, killing them spiritually, and it may mean, killing bodily, as is attempted in Daniel 3:6 and verse 20 where the three young men were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

But it seems to me, this coming usurping great "man-power" shall not be satisfied with merely overcoming his enemies, morally but shall relentlessly persecute the true "stars" of the high places, killing and murdering them with the "saints" the plain people of God. This must be accomplished to fill the measure of unrighteousness up to its very brim, so that the christian world, the beautiful "modern world" will not possess the least semblance of excuse, but has prepared itself for the vehement indignation and Holy wrath of the Most High Judge of the nations of the world.

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

The Yellow Danger.

Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid. Isaiah 8:12.

For my sword shall be bathed in heaven; behold; it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment. For it is the day of the Lord's vengeance and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion. Isaiah 34:5, 8.

How say ye, We are mighty and strong men for war? Fear, and the pit, and the snare shall be upon thee, O inhabitant of Moab, saith the Lord. Jeremiah 48:14, 43.

A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains; a great people and strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations. Joel 2:2.

Ye who turn judgment to wormwood, and leave off righteousness in the earth, They hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly. Woe unto you that desire the day of the Lord; to what end is it for you? the day of the Lord is darkness, and not light. Amos 5:7, 10, 18.

Ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near; That drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments; but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph. Amos 6:3, 6.

And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O God, before their eyes. And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord God; every man's sword shall be against his brother. Ezekiel 38:16, 21.

And I looked, and behold a pale horse, and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth to kill with the sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth. Rev 6:8.

> *And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them to battle; the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breath of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city; and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. Rev 20:7, 8, 9.*

When all of so-called christianity has fully discarded God and His Christ, seeking salvation in its own wicked and sinister corruptness, honoring puny man, setting one mere man upon the throne of God; then is it reasonably sure that he who dares to refuse to bring homage to the self anointed king, shall be wiped out from among the children of man, considered unfit to dwell in the midst of man-edifiers, living in the gracious kingdom of man. Christian schools, Churches and all places wheresoever glory is bestowed upon God in heaven shall be closed to be made sanctuaries where Humanism is worshipped.

The regime of Anti-Christ lasting three years and a half, according to Scripture, is a regime of blasphemy, boasting, wonderful achievements and manifold calamities. Strange unhuman things shall be accomplished. What erstwhile was impossible will be deemed easy of achievement. Man, having no higher ambition than the earth, shall realize that heaven has dawned at last, or that it is within the power of man to establish the kingdom of peace and bliss, while at the same time ugly looking dangers are lurking as so many weird specters at every turn of the road, shocking and afrightening the populace.

Then when democracy has conceived, and secretism has brought forth the expected savior of the world; and all of Godless christianity, in the name of the "carpenter of Nazareth" swells up in pride, thinking to dwell secure, then, yea then shall God laugh at them, and deride them, and their plagues shall be many and unbearable but these shall dwindle to insignificance by the appearance of the uncontrollable hordes of heathens swarming unexpectedly over their so dearly cultivated kingdom of man. This is the so many times spoken of, and now lurking "Yellow Danger."

When the "anti-christian" spirit has conquered christianity, and the "super-man" is the generally recognized king, then is the time ripe that God's Spirit shall be taken away, as it is written in 2 Thessalonians 2, and the period shall be inaugurated in which God shall set loose satan, as is written in Revelation 20:7, 8 and 9 and in Ezekiel 38 and 39, and other places.

These multitudes which shall "as a cloud cover the land" constitute the so much feared "Yellow Danger." According to Revelation 20:9 they shall "compass the camp of the saints about." Many now read this passage as referring to the Jews at Jerusalem. It is well. But does it seem reasonable that God should save all these

millions of heathens to bring them up against such an insignificant small place? Is the "camp of the saints" not as well at London, and at Amsterdam, and at Paris, and at New York, and at Chicago, and maybe at Jerusalem? Are not all of the so-called christian countries the "camp of the saints," although the saints are no more the saints of the true God? Is it not plainly explained and revealed in Scripture that God shall visit the sins of His people as he visited the sins of apostate Israel? Does not Israel's history reveal the history of apostate christianity? Do we not remember that the Patmos' Seer calls the minister of the churches angel? and does not he plainly write that Jesus shall spew the last named minister, the minister of Laodecea out of his mouth? And are not the churches with their commercialistic pastors the church of Laodecea? Is it not plain that the Apostle Jude calls the fallen ministers stars, even tho they be "wandering stars?" Does not St. John state that they "went out from us?" Enough! These multitudes of unconverted, semi-civilized heathens, who were expecting to receive the glad tidings from the christian peoples, but who received instead the sword, whiskey, opium, and the reeking curses of the white races, I repeat, it is plain, these wrathful and warlike multitudes shall be the rod of iron in the hands of a revengeful God, Who shall utterly uproot them, making them a prey for the hordes of these hungry wolves who shall overrun their unfenced cities, dishonoring their wives, murder their babes, and if possible destroy them altogether, satan thinking in this way to uproot Christianity, Christ and the Almighty.

And who is able to describe the horridness of this inhuman spectacle? Who can narrate the closing history of the human race? Who can color the madness of unloosed satan apprehending his "short time" fully recognizing his utter failure with apostate christianity, which he won, and yet failed to conquer, trying to drown the degenerates in a monstrous wave of a human tide overleaping shores and erstwhile established boundaries? Shall man paint the streams of human blood, the anguish, the hatred, the gloom of the vanquished, and the doom of the vanquishing? Shall mere man portray the agony of the quavering masses wrestling with despair, death and hell? I do not believe any man shall ever be able to depict the closing days of the universe which God once had created to His honor, but which failed to reach its appointed destination, because puny man sought to divert God's purpose, altho he added thereby to the greater glorification of the Creator unintentionally and contrary to his wishes. No. It is impossible. Man's wonderful understanding combined with his vivid imagination shall fail to record the apparent triumph of the "Yellow Races," which very triumph is the signal of their total destruction.

Naturally the attentive reader will inquire, but who are these Yellow Races, these uncontrollable forces which shall overrun and swamp the White Races?

Let us see. The book of Genesis, chapter 10:2 calls the sons of Japheth, the first son of Noah, by their respective names. Japheth's second son is Magog, and from him are descended the Tartars, or the inhabitants of modern Russia, and it is evident, the Mongolians, the Japanese and the Chinese, are to be traced to this very Magog. Japheth's sixth son is Meshech, and he is the progenitor of the Moscovites, or old Russia.

The Jews are the descendants of Shem, the second son of Japheth. I am convinced that the Jews, the Russians and the Mongolians are about the only people whose lines can be traced to the family saved by God from the general deluge, while the so-called white races are so thoroughly intermarried and completely mixed together that none of them, nor they altogether can be accurately traced to either one of the three sons of Noah.

Undoubtly God means something with such an arrangement. The Jews as a nation are non-existent, but as individuals are saved to be witnesses to the truthfulness of God. God, in a measure, has settled with the Jewish nation and has elected to displace them with a multitude of heathen nations, transforming them into his chosen people. This is what we properly call "christianity" or, "the Spiritual Jews." Christianity is the true child of Jewery, translating and reflecting in it the brilliant lustre and glorious splendor of old carnal Israel. Now, it is christianity, the spiritual Jews upon which the end of the ages heavily rest. The carnal Jews crusified their Messiah, deeming Him unworthy to live. In this act they disposed of God, and God discarded them. Paul speaking about this act of God, says to the spiritual Jews, "Do not consider yourself worthier than them. or, if God cut off the old branch, He shall do the same to the newly ingrafted branch if this branch refuses to stay upon the root." And now, what did this newly ingrafted branch do? Did it cling unto the root? Did it not rather wander farther away than old Israel, the old branch ever did? Did christianity not crusify the Righteous One anew, when it elected to proclaim the great man-murderer righteous? How was it possible that apostate christianity could fall so low as to declare the grafting ,God-denying, devil-glorying war righteous? Did not God's people again choose a murderer "Barabbas," nailing Jesus "the Savior" upon the bloody cross? It seems clear to me this has happened. Shall not now God cut off this unfaithful branch as well as He has cut off the old and special beloved branch? Most assuredly!

God in His wonderful unsearchable wisdom prepared in due season the Roman Empire to root out Israel from among the peoples of the earth, and now He has also prepared an unconquerable enemy in the Yellow Races to uproot entire Godless selfseeking christianity, as is very evident and plainly depicted in chapters 38 and 39 of Ezekiel and Revelations 20:7, 8 and 9.

The great world war, fought for agrandizement, weakened instead of strengthening the conflicting powers, leaving christianity,

or the white races, in a state of dissolution, which came very near of ruining the conqueror as well as the conquered. Japan, the eye of the yellow race, shrewdly abstained from meddling in it more than absolute necessary to keep the English friendly, at the same time using their arms for its own benefit, eating the heart out of China, her big brother, slave and needed friend. Japan and China both became quite capable in the handling of weapons of warfare, in which they from now on will seek their glory.

The so long dormant Russian Empire, smashed and splintered again and again by the German Colossus, learned in its defeat how to conquer, and is to-day more than a formidable adversary, and more than a match for the womanly nations headed by egoistic England. What hinders Trotsky to smash the combined strength of the each other hating French and English nations, who were foolish enough to break down the iron barrier between them and Russia? Why did they plunder the German Empire, which alone could check these hordes of half civilized heathens? What does Russia care for their crazy quilt, the boneless League of Nations? Have not the three big brothers, the Russians, the Japanese and the Chinese an immensely stronger League of Nations? When they feel themselves strong enough shall they pay heed to English bluff? Shall they fear the Yankee thunder? Shall not their millions upon millions deride the few millions of their half witted foes, who in cold blood murdered each other for the sake of a few paltry dollars? Shall these uncountable hordes care whether the white races believed the lie, the slogan of their murderers, their own great and wise leaders, "make the world safe for democracy," democracy which was inaugurated, and yet does not exist?

Yes, indeed, although Gog, the Chief Prince, was pulled back with hooks, as is said in Ezekiel 38:3, 4. Yes, although Magog's chief Prince, the Czar, is gone, and Magog itself thrown down in defeat, yet he shall come forth with the other races, his brethren, from the "sides of the earth, from the "North" and with an overwhelming storm take possession of the "unwalled villages" and completely destroy the pride and the glory and the joy, and the beauty, and the manifold gods of the Godless white races, smothering them and their great exalted wise ones in their own contemptable gore. For this purpose God has saved the so-called Yellow Races, they being in God's hand the scourge wherewith He shall visit the sin of God denying of the White races.

When the Romans had destroyed Israel, God awoke an avenger who in due season punished the Roman Empire. History repeats itself. For destroying the white races God shall punish the destroyer the Yellow Races and the one that inflicts this punishment shall be God Himself.

The next chapter, "The Stone Cut Out Without Hands" is to bring out a few thoughts founded upon the very reliable Word of the Living God.

CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

The Stone Cut Out Without Hands.

Thou sawest till a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay and brake them to pieces,—and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them; and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. Dan 2:34, 35.

Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat; for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about. Joel 3:12.

And I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst of thee; so will I destroy thy cities. And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the heathen, such as they have not heard. Micah 5:14, 15.

Behold, thy people in the midst of thee are women; the gates of thy land shall be set wide open unto thine enemies; the fire shall devour thy bars. Nahum 3:13.

For the day of the Lord is near upon all the heathen; as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee; thy reward shall return upon thine own head. Obadiah 15.

In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats. Isaiah 2:20.

Then said the Lord unto me, Pray not for this people for their good. Jeremiah 14:11.

Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine, and she shall be utterly burned with fire; for strong is the Lord God who judged her. Revelation 18:8.

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. Revelation 11:15.

And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth fled away; and there was found no place for them. Rev 20:11.

When the civilized modern world, the wonderful kingdom of MAN, becomes the laughing stock, the derision, the scorn of the powerful yellow races, the semi-christian barbarians, who perplex the white races, lying waste their cities, ravishing their women,

roving their riches; then the "stone cut out without hands" shall smite the raving, wrangling, Godless and lawless mass of humanity, and the stone itself shall become a mountain filling the earth, as is written in Daniel 2:34.

According to the verse following, this very stone is a "kingdom," a kingdom set up by the God of heaven. Take notice! Not by mere man with miserable men seeking pious schemes. This kingdom of God shall never be destroyed, and it shall be so unconquerable strong that it shall be able to break in pieces the pious Godless kingdoms of man, consisting of the federation of the christian peoples and the federation of the heathen peoples. These very kingdoms, headed by the gracious modern world are called by Daniel the kingdoms of mud of iron, of brass, of silver and of gold, the very substances king Nebuchadnezzar beheld in his mighty political image.

This story plainly illustrates that the God from heaven mocks the boasted endeavors of the political world to set upon the throne of the world a king of peace after their own desires, a king which they boast shall rule everlastingly. God mocks and laughs and derides their whole political scheme, and with one mighty stroke of His almighty right hand swipes them and their opponents from the earth, and sets up his own heavenly kingdom, electing himself King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The overpowering of the kingdoms of the earth by the stone cut out without hands pictures the utter ruin of the world viewed from a political standpoint.

The never to be recorded war between the white and the yellow races, or the struggle for existence of the white races against the murderous attempt of the yellow races, is the conflict of the peoples as described in Ezekiel 38 and 39 and in Revelation 19:7, 8, 9.

This war necessary to subdue the Yellow Races who shall have conquered the weak, womanly, self-ruined white races, is depicted in Revelation 19 of which verse eleven states that the conqueror of the earth was seated upon a white horse which headed a great heavenly host of warriors sitting upon white horses. These armies do conquer the fighting armies headed by the beast, slaying the generals with their battle horses and their armies, throwing the beast, (Political State) and the False Prophet, (Anti-Christ) alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. This, of course, depicts the same story seen from the battlefield.

In Revelation 20 we read of a White Throne and from the face of Him who sat upon it fled the earth and the heavens. Furthermore we have a glimpse of the resurrection of all the dead, all standing before this great white throne, each receiving his own merited reward, the one everlasting bliss, the other everlasting doom. Heaven and earth having passed away, there is no more need for death and hell, and both of them are also cast into the lake of fire. This lake of fire, is explained as representing the "second death."

The second death consists in the undescribable position of missing for ever the mercy and the love of God. Jesus himself plainly states that whosoever is disobedient to the Son shall not see life, but shall see everlasting death, meaning this very second death, the death in the lake of fire, into which are plunged the beast, (Politics) the False Prophet, (Anti-Christ), Death, (Physical death), and hell, (the grave.) This picture unfolds God judging the two leagues of nations, or the white and yellow races, and more particular the heads of the opposition. The Apostle Peter in his second letter, chapter three, verses 10 to and including 13, depicts the very identical judgment by God of the world which is seen here with the eyes of FAITH.

When Christ shall appear in the heavens upon the clouds extremely distressing unexpectedly, yea, as a "snare" upon the world, and as a "thief" in the night upon the church, then both of them shall wonder and look upon Him Whom they have denied, derided, scorned and discarded. They shall then stare and gaze at Him upon His white horse, they shall shudder, wail and howl, weep and lament. The uplifted sword shall drop out of the clinched fist of the mad warrior. The murderous canon shall cease its wicked roaring, and become as silent as a tomb. The hurled bomb shall miss its destination. The gushing wound shall flow no more. The broken eye shall lift its gaze on high. The horse shall stand still. The commanding officer shall forget to command. The mischievious submarine shall float harmless. The airship shall halt. The farmer shall forget to plow, the sower shall stop in the midst of the field. The carpenter, the smith, the toiler, they all shall drop their tools, and speechless and dumfounded they shall stare into the heavens looking to Christ with His white robed armies riding upon white horses. The archangel shall blow upon his trumpet, and upon that sign the dead, the dying and the living shall arrange themselves before the Great White Throne, dividing themselves into two great parties, one on the right and one on the left hand of the Glorious Judge, the Old One of days, who shall set Himself to give a righteous judgment. The earth and the heaven shall pass away. Time shall be no more. One, one word from the mighty Judge, and on one side shall be heard lamenting, wailing and weeping and gnashing of teeth, cursing and blashpheming, while on the other side the never ending Hallelujahs shall be heard fleeting from the lips of those who did not shame the Christ while in the flesh. These shall receive the golden harps, the silver trumpets, the beautiful crown, the pearless white stone, and everlastingly they shall glorify the Christ who bought them with His blood upon the wicked cross, and their love shall never wander, shall never cease, for they shall be everlastingly in the presence of the slaughtered Lamb with the seven horns.

This is the conquest of the stone cut out without hands.

The Stone.

Upon a glorious mountain side,
Wrapped 'round with soft and heavenly light,
I stood and watched the heavens glow,
While earth in darkness lay below.

Out of the dark and gloomy night
Reverberated on all side
A chaos of noises shrill and loud,
Above which roared the cyclone cloud.

The hailstones, each one a talent,
Fell on the people evil bent,
Who screamed of pain, but angry swore
Cursing the heavens for their sore.

The Thunder pealed. The lightning flashed.
The cyclone swirled and hurled and lashed
The waters of the mighty streams,
Whose billows plowed through rock and beams.

I heard the Caesars pray and groan;
The mighty kings plead from their throne.
But, grace and love were passed away.
Hatred alone, it ruled the day.

I heard the most unearthly cry
Appealing, smoth'ring in the sky,
The caesars, peoples, great, once free;
Lamented in their agony.

The swollen billows with a roar
Wallowed in kings and rich men's gore,
Sweeping their crowns in miry dirt.
Crushing the mountains of the earth.

The mighty roar, the horrid crash,
Of smashing mountain peaks so rash,
Send tremors through the eternal rock,
Splitting the earth with quake and shock.

And, at this moment, in the dark,
At the northern pole broke forth a spark,
A beam of light, which as a star
Illuminated near and far.

This light revealed me through the cloud
Three horses, prancing round about.
The one was red, another black,
The third one pale, but none were slack.

The star which in the heaven shone,
Had settled on a new made throne,
It led the horses forth with glee
To catch these horses, horses three.

The mountains, as was said before,
Were broken down, and were no more.
A single one alone stood fast,
The one on which God's glory rest.

The star which at the horses flew,
Aspied at last this mountain, too,
Which it, as ruler, strong, supreme,
Sought to acclaim as its regime.

But, at this moment, I perceived
A lonely stone, ages relieved.
It crushed the star, its forces, throne,
They lay at nought before this STONE.

CHAPTER NINETEEN

The New Jerusalem.

In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. John 14:2.

And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise. Luke 23:43.

And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Luke 1:33.

And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed. Dan 7:14.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I saw no temple therein; for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it, for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it; and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day; for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honor of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie; but they which are written in the Lambs book of life. Rev 21:2, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27.

I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly, Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Rev 22:16, 20.

In preceding chapters we beheld the world in a vision of a battlefield. On one side were arranged the so-called christian nations beguiled by THE LIE, on the other side were the semi-heathen races whom God used as a tremendous weapon to avenge Himself.

We beheld the White races struggling. We saw them trampled under foot. We perceived them in their agony, in their gloom, in their despair, in their blood, cursing the Almighty and raving against Him.

Unexpectedly another spectacle passed before our wondering eyes. The heavens opened, and a white horse carrying the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords appeared leading a host of brilliant warriors seated upon white horses overpowering the struggling opposing armies, capturing the beast, (Anti-Christ) leader of the christian nations; and the dragon (satan) leader of the boasting, ravishing uncontrollable hordes of the mixed races of heathens and christians, Yellow, Black and White. We saw the heads of these mighty armies huddled together and hurled in the lake of brimstone and fire and sulphur, their armies hopelessly shattered and rooted and plunged into everlasting damnation. None of them were spared, none whose name was not found in the Book of Life.

Thus was the end of the world, the beautiful Modern World, the Modern World so extremely brilliant, so prosperous, so progressive, where culture ruled supreme, and where philosophy was seated upon the throne of God served by the monsters of Mammon and Bolsheviki. As formerly great Babylon perished, so perished Modern Babylon, but her devastation was more terrible, was more complete.

Thus perished the great harlot with her miserable daughters. How grand, how glorious, how magnificent was her union with the Modern World! Was not she in reality the queen, the queen from heaven? How miserable was her end! According to her misrepresentations she was dealt with. What a defeat, what a gloom, what an unpaintable picture, what a colossal failure!

Thus was the end of man who deemed himself capable to work out his own salvation, and thus were his plans uprooted, his foolhardiness shown, and laborous work of six thousand years destroyed, his glorious place of abode purified by fire, and mankind self-delivered into an unquenchable fire void of Hope, Faith and Love. Man had used the good and perfect gifts of God to his own vain glory, attempting by their power to lift himself above God, His Creator. The wisdom, power, life, intellect, knowledge, understanding, reason, given to man to glorify God, proved in the dreadful hour to be so many sports upon the ladder leading to his own self willed and self worked destruction. O foolish mankind. No, no grace for the Modern World, not in its doom-hour any more than throughout its entire brilliant carrier. No, no grace for the worldly church, which in her last stage of falling away boasted and bragged, brooded and glorified so extremely in the calamitious lie of Common Grace. And yet and yet there was GRACE. The doomhour of the unconverted world and degenerated church was the glorious moment of the wedding of the Lamb with His bride, the from eternity elected

virgin. Grace, yea Grace alone could create out of ugliness such a lovely and perfect being, glory, yea glory to God.

What an incomprehensible scene! What an entirely different view" A moment ago an all consuming fire, and now the glory of the heavens upon the new born earth. How magnificent! How glorious! The picture is John's, the language that of the Patmos Seer. He saw the holy city, new Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven. Out of heaven, how illustrious, how bright! No not from the earth. No not by the power of man, but by the might of the Almighty was this beautiful city forever established upon the purified earth, never more to be defiled with the works of mere man.

The wages of sin is death, and death culminates in everlasting unquenchable fire. Did the upheaping of capital carry its own punishment and destruction, the upheaping of sin, shared the same lot. Did God punish the upheaping of sin in the first world with a deluge which purified the earth with water and made it a fit place for mankind to dwell in and glorify his Creator, God punished the upheaping of sin in the second world also now not by water, but by fire, preparing it thereby for an abode of the elect and purified ones whose garments were washed in the blood of the Lamb. Yea, they are the human race, mankind, the kernel, the seed of the living God. They, and they alone shall live in the city which John saw descending out of heaven, the city of God, The New Jerusalem.

Shall we depict that city? Can mere human mind grasp the crown of wonder of Almighty God? Is there a more abler and nobler pen than the one used by John? Can a man improve upon what is written by the Spirit of God as He has revealed unto us in the closing chapters of God's Own Holy Word? Would it not be folly to attempt to describe the glory of that city? What God wrote there will suffice, for it is enough for us to behold an inkling of the purity, holiness and Godliness of that city. Any one anxious to meditate upon the beauty of that city, we advise to read Revelation 21 and 22.

That is the city of our God Who created it for them who keep themselves unspotted in the world. Those and no one else shall dwell there, those who took the cross of the Christ and carried it behind Him upon the ignoble pathway of Via Dolorosa. It is a graceful abode and dwelling place for them who learned to deny themselves in order that their Redeemer be glorified. Yes, in that city live the meek, the pure, the lowly, the downtrodden, the poor, the broken hearted, the ugly, the despised, the discarded, the hated, but lo how they are changed, they are now the rulers, the judges, the glorified, the blessed, the jubilant, the kings and queens of the new created and purified earth, they are crowned and clothed in pure white raiment, shouting the glory of the slaughtered Lamb on whose feet they lay their crowns of pure gold. They shall walk upon the golden streets of that incomprehensible city, entering by the gates of magnificent pearls, walking in the light of God Himself, Who

wrote their names in His book of life before the foundation of the earth, each carrying a white stone engraved with a name. They constitute an uncountable multitude in the city of God where the bridegroom meets his beloved and purified bride.

The Modern World, with all its pomp and shining lustre, awe and fear, bragging and boasting, thrones and slavery, riches and poverty, blessings and cursings, murders and rapine, God denying and man exalting, is a thing of the past. Nowhere to be found. Never more to be remembered. Nothing of it remains, although to-day it stands yet forth as an ill looking creature, as a fearful spector in its light varnish of culture and philosophy, which are accounted for in and added together figure up to the Number of Man (666) Six Hundred Three Score and Six. No Free Masonry nor Ku Klux Klan, how much pretending with their evil eye full of hatred counts one farthing here. All of them, and many more are weighed and found to be as the handwriting upon the wall of old Babylon, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN, and in one night Modern Babylon shall fall as Old Babylon fell before.

Here is wisdom. Let us count the number, and after having found it wanting, let us run to the cross of the Christ who came to add to that number so that the number of man may correspond with the number of Christ. God is merciful. No, not to the God deniers. No, not to that awful red whore. No, not to the righteous pharasee. No, not to the proud, to the despisers, to the foolish virgins without oil, but to the humble, to the meek, to the poor miserable sinners, who He will make sons and heirs of the New Jerusalem, the city of God, if they come to the Christ to be healed by Him.

Let us glorify him in this life as long as the opportunity is with us! Let us wait for His coming. Let us look for His coming, for He cometh soon! Let us wait for Him, and say: Christ Jesus, Come, Come quickly. Amen.

The End.

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